



The comprehensive resource on domestic violence

Violence Against Women

- According to the Bureau of Justice Stats - In 1998 females accounted for 75% of the victims of intimate murders and 85% of the victims of non-lethal intimate partner violence.
- According to estimates over 1.5 million women are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the U.S. (Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence, CDC, 2000).
- Every day, at least three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country (Intimate Partner Violence, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000).
- Battered women account for up to a third of all visits to hospital emergency rooms, 25% of female suicides, 25% of women seeking emergency psychiatric help and 58% of women over 30 who have been raped (American Medical Association).
- Forty percent of teenage girls ages 14-17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend (Kaiser Permanente poll, 1995).
- Nearly a third of female victims of non-lethal intimate violence were victimized at least twice during the previous 6 months (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1998).
- Research indicates that only 1 in 4 elder abuse incidents are reported (National Aging Resource Center on Elder Abuse, 1990).
- Between 10-40% of abused women report choking - incomplete strangulation - and blows to the head resulting in a loss of consciousness (Annals of Internal Medicine 1995).
- A study of pregnancy associated mortality found that homicide was the leading cause of death among pregnant women. Twenty percent of women who died during this period were murdered (JAMA, 2001).
- Half of female victims of intimate partner violence reported a physical injury, About 4 in 10 of these victims sought professional medical treatment. (Bureau of Justice Stats, 2000)