

FACTS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Children who witness domestic violence are 5 times more likely to become batterers or victims in their adulthood. *Copyright © 2000 ALIVE, Inc.*
- Nearly one-fourth of American Women will be abused by a current or former partner at some point in their lives. *Copyright © 2000 ALIVE, Inc.*
- Boys who witness their fathers' violence are 10 times more likely to engage in spouse abuse in adulthood than boys from non-violent homes. *A Beacon of Hope, No. Falmouth*
- The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in this country. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- Studies suggest that between 3.3 and 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence annually. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- Slightly more than half of female victims of intimate violence live in households with children under age 12. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- One study of 2,245 children and teenagers found that recent exposure to violence in the home was a significant factor in predicting a child's violent behavior. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- Children who are exposed to domestic violence are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems including depression, anxiety, and violence towards peers. They are also more likely to attempt suicide, abuse drugs and alcohol, run away from home, engage in teenage prostitution, and commit sexual assault crimes. <http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/Children.pdf>
- **Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children witness their mothers of female caretakers being abused.** (*American Psychological Association, Violence and the Family; Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task force of Violence and the Family (1996), p. 11*)
- **40 – 60% of men who abuse women also abuse children.** (*American Psychological Association, Violence and the Family; Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task force of Violence and the Family (1996), p. 80*)
- **Women who leave their batterers are at a 75% greater risk of being killed by the batterer than those who stay.** (*Barbara Hart, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1988*)
- **Domestic Violence is the leading cause of injury to women between ages 15 and 44 in the United States – more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.** (*Uniform Crime Reports, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1991*)