

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Facts & Figures



- **1.8 billion**—the dollar amount of lost per year in productivity and earnings due to intimate partner violence.
- **1**—The leading cause of injury to women is Domestic Violence
- **74**—the percentage of battered workers that are harassed while at work by their abuser
- **1 in 3**—the number of Americans who say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year
- **1 in 5**—Approximate number of female high school students who report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- **3.3 million**—the number of children who witness some form of domestic violence annually.
- **503,485**—the number women are stalked by an intimate partner.
- **0**—number of races where domestic violence is not an issue

*If you or someone you know
has been a victim of Domestic
Violence*

There is help.

Police (non-emergency)
526-0795

NMSU Police Department
646-3311

La Casa (Domestic Violence Shelter)
526-9513
(24-hr hotline)

La Piñón (Rape Crisis Center)
526-3437
(24-hr hotline)

NMSU Counseling Center
646-2731

**NMSU Wellness, Alcohol & Violence
Education Program**
646-2813



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE



*Taking it
personally*

What is domestic violence?

Domestic Violence can include:

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Verbal Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Mental Abuse



and can be manifested in any of the following ways:

- Slapping, hitting, kicking, shoving, grabbing, choking and biting
- Destroys personal property
- Prevents you from seeing friends and family
- Belittles you in public and/or private
- Forceful sex
- Threats of harming
- Prevents you from going to class/work
- Controlling & jealous behavior



Why you should care...

- By the end of 4 years of college, 78% of college women experienced at least 1 incident of physical victimization in their lifetime.
- Women who were physically or sexually victimized in high school were at much greater risk for physical and/or sexual victimization in college.
- A young man who committed one type of assault is 5 times more likely to commit the other in college
- 32% of students report dating violence by a previous partner, and 21 % report violence by a current partner.
- 39-54% of dating violence victims remain in physically abusive relationships

Domestic Violence often is associated with other violent crimes and behaviors such as Stalking, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault.



Stalking

- Stalking can often begin when an individual has decided to finally leave a domestic violent situation.
- This is especially true in situations where threats such as "If I can't have you, nobody will" have been made.

Sexual Assault

- Recently states began to look at "spousal rape" as a serious issue and it is considered to be a third degree felony.
- Women have a 1 in 4 chances of being sexually assaulted during their college years
- 98% of victims knew their perpetrators



Child Abuse

- Approximately 3.3 million children witness violence toward their mothers each year.
- It's not unusual to have a perpetrator who abuses their spouse, also abuse the children in the home.
- Many child victims have a greater risk for being re-victimized later in life.

- Middle class women, uneducated women and minority group women are battered more frequently than Anglos or well to do individuals.

Myths of domestic violence

TRUTH: Domestic Violence affects individuals of all races and socioeconomic status.

- Religious beliefs will prevent battering.

TRUTH: Domestic Violence affects women from various religious beliefs and backgrounds.

- They (the victim) asks for it



The batterer is set off by almost anything and it is usually never the same. The victim learns to look for "cues" but is never really sure what could set the batterer off.

- Batterers are violent in all their relationships

Batterers may be very charismatic and loving toward other people outside of their intimate relationship.

- Promiscuous individuals are not really victims.

Every person, regardless of sexual lifestyle, deserves to be treated in a respectful and non-violent manner.

- Victims can always leave

Leaving a violent relationship is much harder than leaving a non-violent one due is to the increased risk of being physically harmed or killed. Some victims have had their re sources (cars, money, etc.) controlled by their partner and do not have access to them.

- The violence will end after marriage, or after the baby is born

All too often, the violence escalates.