

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATS

73% of domestic violence victims are female

58% of family murder victims are female

83% of spouse murderers are male

1200-Number of women killed by an intimate partner each year

37% of women treated in emergency rooms for violent injuries-hurt by a current or former partner

44% of women murdered by an intimate partner who visited an ER in the two years prior to their deaths

31% of all female homicide victims in the U.S. slain by their husbands or boyfriends

11% of all murder victims killed by an intimate partner

8.8 million-Number of children who witness domestic violence each year

50% of children of an abused parent are more likely to be abused themselves

15% of all domestic abuse victims who are men

1.8 billion-Value, in dollars, of wages and productivity lost to domestic violence

8 million-Workdays lost by domestic violence victims each year-equivalent to 32,000 full-time jobs

4.1 billion-Dollars spent yearly on medical and mental health care as a direct result of domestic violence

66% of people killed by an intimate partner who are shot with a gun

71% reduction in number of men murdered by intimates from 1976 to 2002

25% reduction in number of women murdered by intimates from 1976 to 2002

#1 Rank of domestic violence among causes of homelessness in 44% of cities surveyed

40% of abusive relationships where assaults began during the woman's first pregnancy

50%-Factor by which a pregnant woman is more at risk of being beaten than a woman who is not pregnant

#2 Ranking of homicide as the cause of death among pregnant women

26% of mothers under the age of 18 who experience domestic violence within three months of their child's birth

1 million-Number of calls to the National Domestic Violence hotline since 1996

## "A Woman"

*"Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears."*

*The Woman came out of a man's rib, not from his feet to be walked on;*

*Not from his head to be superior, but from the side to be equal.*

*Under the arm to be protected and next to the heart to be loved."*



**Let the victims know:**

**There is hope,**

**There is help,**

**There is life after domestic violence.**

**LET'S JOIN TOGETHER TO STOP THE VIOLENCE!**

**If you or someone you know (male or female) is being abused, please call 1-800-334-2836 for a domestic violence organization near you**

Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics: "Family Violence Statistics," June 2005; American Pregnancy Association; American Journal of Public Health. March 2005, Vol. 95, No. 3; Family Violence Prevention Fund; National Domestic Violence Hotline; American Bar Association; VIA Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Administration for Children and Families; VIA National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; US Department of Justice

It is obvious, **SHE** is being abused.

**HE** is your friend; your Dad, your brother; a co-worker.

**YOU** don't know what to do.



# MEN:

*How you can make a difference...*

Men Stopping Violence  
1020 Dekalb Ave., #25  
Atlanta, GA 30307  
[www.menstoppingviolence.org](http://www.menstoppingviolence.org)

Family Crisis Center of Walker, Dade, Catoosa, & Chattooga Co., Inc.  
P.O. Box 252  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
706-375-7630  
[www.fccwdcc.org](http://www.fccwdcc.org)



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## HOW DO I APPROACH HIM?

Let him know how this looks from your point of view and how you feel about it.

### Verbal Abuse

“Why are you constantly interrupting her; criticizing her and her family; yelling at her, calling her names; intimidating her.”

“I can’t believe you would use that kind of language to her; This does not make you look more like a man; How can I respect you if you don’t respect her?; Do you really want your children to hear all of this?”

### Evidence of Physical Abuse

“You cannot assault her and still love and respect her.”

“Nothing she does should make you hit her, you are responsible for your own actions.”

“Don’t you know that abuse is a crime and you are probably going to jail sooner or later.”

“Don’t you realize that you might seriously injure or kill her?”

“How do you think this makes your children feel when you hit their Mom?”

“This is a pattern and you seriously need some intervention.”

**ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR WILL  
STOP ONLY WHEN WE NO LONGER  
TOLERATE IT**

## WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

- ◆ **Because it’s the right thing to do!**
- ◆ **Because you might save a life!**
- ◆ **Because you respect women & children!**
- ◆ **Because you know that abuse is wrong!**
- ◆ **Because you care about her, him, and/or the children!**

## WHAT NOT TO DO!!!!!!

### Do Not Say-

1. It’s none of my business.
2. I don’t know his side of the story.
3. I should just beat him up.
4. What did you do to cause him to act this way?

## NEVER BECOME PHYSICALLY INVOLVED (CALL 911 IF NECESSARY)

## WHAT YOU CAN DO!!!!!!

IF HE HAS COMMITTED A CRIME, CALL THE POLICE

IF HE ATTENDS A CHURCH, INVOLVE THE CLERGY

IF HE IS HARRASSING HER AT WORK, INVOLVE THE EMPLOYER

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME**

## I DON’T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO HER!

(Remember, the batterer is the problem, not the victim!)

How about:

- ◆ I believe you.
- ◆ It’s not your fault.
- ◆ You do not deserve this!
- ◆ I’m worried about you and your children.
- ◆ What can I do to help?
- ◆ Listen to her and respect her decision.
- ◆ Give her information about services available in your area.

## BE VERY CAUTIOUS:

**The abuser may punish her for talking to you, so give advise sparingly and assure her of confidentiality.**

## WHAT CAN I SAY TO THE CHILD INVOLVED?

- ◆ You did not cause this.
- ◆ Violence and abuse is never right.
- ◆ Do you have anyone you can call or go to when this happens?
- ◆ Make the child aware of emergency numbers.

**ALWAYS SHOW COMPASSION  
AND RESPECT**