

## Injury & Violence Prevention Program

# Quick Facts about Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

*The Institute of Medicine describes intimate partner violence (IPV), as a pattern of coercive behaviors that may include isolation, deprivation, intimidation, psychological, physical and sexual abuse, and repeated battering and injury perpetrated by someone who is or was involved in an intimate relationship with the victim.*

### Prevalence and Cost of IPV in the United States

According to data from the National Violence against Women Survey (NVAWS) 2010,

- Each year 5.3 million non-fatal IPV victimizations occur among U.S. women 18+
- Resulting in nearly 2.0 million injuries
- Over 550,000 require medical attention
- Victims lose a total of nearly 8.0 million days of paid work—the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs—and nearly 5.6 million days of household productivity as a result of the violence.

#### MYTH

- **It is easy for battered women to leave their abuser.**

#### FACT

- **Women who leave their batterers are at a 75% greater risk of being killed by the batterer than those who stay**
- **Nationally, 50% of all homeless women and children are on the streets because of violence in the home**
- **There are nearly three times as many animal shelters in the United States as there are shelters for battered women and their children**

Source: *The Los Angeles Police Department*  
[http://www.lapdonline.org/domestic\\_violence](http://www.lapdonline.org/domestic_violence)

### COMMON SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP...

- Your partner intimidates you through verbal and/or physical threats to yourself, your children, family members, friends, pets, property, etc.
- Your partner regularly criticizes you for daily task – dress, housework, childcare, etc.
- Your partner humiliates and manipulates you through name-calling, put-downs, and accusations.
- You fear your partner's temper or reaction.
- Your partner threatens to withhold money, resources, take away your children or have an affair.
- Your partner threatens to harm him/herself if you leave.
- Your partner forces and/or pressures you into having sex and/or accuses you of being unfaithful.
- Your partner has kicked, hit, shoved, restrained you or thrown things at you.
- Your partner prevents you from taking a job, going to school or having hobbies.
- Your partner prohibits you from spending time with friends and family.

Source: *Peace Over Violence, January 2013* from:  
<http://peaceoverviolence.org/emergency/domestic-abuse/abusive-relationship>

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ACCORDING TO A 2010 SURVEY ON CALIFORNIANS' ATTITUDES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CONDUCTED BY BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA...

- One in five respondents had experienced domestic violence at least once in their lifetime.
- Nearly half of respondents knew of a family member who had experienced domestic violence.
- More than two thirds of respondents knew either a family member or friend who was a victim of domestic violence.

*Of the proposed solutions presented to respondents to help curb domestic violence - 75% of participants reported "Educating young people so they have the skills to support safe and healthy relationships when they grow up" as "extremely effective".*

## Domestic Violence Resources:

### National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

TDD: 1-800-787-3224

[www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)

### Legal Help for Domestic Violence in California

[www.lawhelpca.org](http://www.lawhelpca.org)

### California Department of Public Health Violence Prevention Resource Directory

- Links by county to various resources: Women's shelters, DV programs
- Victim witness assistance programs and Counseling services for victims of DV
- Crisis hotlines

### Teen Line

[www.teenlineonline.org](http://www.teenlineonline.org)

## Commonly used California Domestic Violence Laws

### §13700 PC Domestic Violence – Defined

Abuse committed against an adult or fully emancipated minor who is the spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, who has a dating relationship, former dating relationship, engagement relationship, former engagement relationship, or parties having a child in common.

### Related Offenses

§273.5 PC Spousal Abuse or Cohabitant Abuse

§243(e)(1) PC Battery

§422 PC Terrorist Threats

§646.9 PC Stalking

§591 PC Malicious Destruction of Phone Lines

§273.6 PC Violation of Domestic Violence Protective Order

§12028.5 PC Family Violence/Firearms Seizure

§12021(g) PC Restrictions on Firearm Possession

§6389 PC Relinquishment of Firearms

Source: *The Los Angeles Police Department*, January 2013:

[www.lapdonline.org/get\\_informed/content\\_basic\\_view/8887](http://www.lapdonline.org/get_informed/content_basic_view/8887)

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