Facts Everyone Should Know About Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, & Stalking

Intimate partner violence is widespread.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men were victims of intimate partner violence, which includes physical violence, stalking, or sexual violence. This violence has a negative impact such as injury, fear, lost opportunity, or feeling unsafe.

Sexual violence affects women and men.

About 1 in 3 women and nearly 1 in 6 men were victims of contact sexual violence at some point in their lives.

Nearly 23 million women and 17.7 million men have been the victims of rape or attempted rape at some point in their lives.

Violence starts early.

Before the age of 18:

- 8.5 million women first experienced rape.
- 1.5 million men first were made to penetrate.
- 3.5 million women & 1 million men first experienced being stalked.

Intimate partner violence can be severe.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

Victims of intimate partner violence commonly report negative impacts such as:

- Feeling fearful: 62% of women & 17% of men
- Concern for their safety: 57% of women & 17% of men
- Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder: 52% of women & 17% of men

Intimate partner violence can have severe emotional and physical consequences. By understanding these types of violence, we can take action in our communities to stop them before they start.

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