

## Domestic Violence Statistics

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.

85% of domestic violence victims are women.

Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.

Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.

Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to police.

### 2008 OSBI Statistics

Murders = 51

Sex Crimes = 547

Assaults = 3, 387

Assault & Battery's = 19, 869

Oklahoma domestic abuse reports have increased by 12.5% between 1999 & 2008.

### Oklahoma Crime Clock

One murder every 41hrs 20 min 56 seconds

One aggravated assault ever 36 min 07 seconds

One rape ever 6hrs 01 min 21 seconds

One violent crime every 27 min 29 seconds

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## 2010 Domestic Violence Awareness Month



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## Barriers to Leaving

Love

Fear

Of being alone

Of increased violence

Of being homeless

Of having hungry children

Retaliation

Shame

Loyalty to the marriage

Faith doesn't permit divorce

Financial dependence/Lack of resources

Belief/hope that batterer will change

Belief/hope it will get better

Believe that children need their father

## Why Do Women Stay?

Reality is that many try to leave, but leaving does not guarantee safety.

Violence often escalates after the victim decides to leave her partner. Many domestic violence related deaths occur after a victim takes steps to separate from her abuser.

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## What is Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish **power** and **control** over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence.

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality, gender, or educational background.

Domestic violence results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and truly last a lifetime.



## 5 Key Points

- Domestic Violence is a learned behavior.
- Domestic Violence typically involves repetitive behavior encompassing different types of abuse.
- The batterer — not substance abuse or the battered woman — causes the violence.
- Danger to the battered woman and children is likely to increase at the time of separation.
- The victims behavior is often a way of ensuring survival.

## Questions to Ask the Victims

- Do you blame yourself for everything that goes wrong, does your partner?
- Are you afraid of your partner sometimes?
- Do you feel like your partner is never happy with you?
- Do you have a hard time maintaining relationships with friends or family? Does your partner allow these relationships?
- Do you feel trapped at home, unable to work or go to school?
- Do you feel like your partner keeps you from having access to cash, bank accounts, or important documents that you might need?
- Does your partner force you to have sexual relations?
- Do you stay with your partner because you are afraid of what he will do if you leave?