

FACTS about Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

Approximately
10 million

Women and men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States.



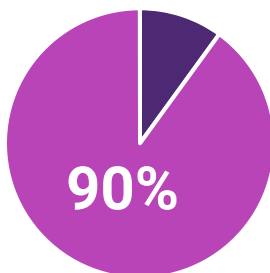
1 in 3 women and **1 in 4 men** have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.



NEARLY
20
PEOPLE
per **MINUTE**
experience **physical violence** by an intimate partner in the United States.



1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year.



Ninety percent of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

Barriers to escaping



Fear of losing custody of any children if they leave or divorce their abuser or fear the abuser will hurt, or even kill, their children.

Fear that homelessness may be their only option if they leave

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