

domestic *violence*



what is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of physical and psychological abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation or economic coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person.

One in four women & one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

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who is affected?

Domestic violence can affect anyone regardless of economic, social, racial or religious background. Children from violent homes are 15 times more likely to experience physical abuse or neglect themselves (Illinois Department of Justice).

how big is the problem?

There are millions of reported cases of domestic violence each year in the U.S. and on a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.

can it be prevented?

Yes, but domestic violence can flare up with little or no warning. The abuse may start as verbal or psychological and escalate to physical assault. The best time to take preventative steps, such as seeking counseling, is at the first sign of abuse.

how can victims be protected?

Victims should have a safety plan. Police can assist and courts can provide special orders to keep abusive partners away from their victims. Domestic violence shelters like the Crisis Center for South Suburbia offer safe havens for victims and children as well as counseling, education and housing programs.

If you, or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please contact the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Our 24-hour Hotline operates 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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