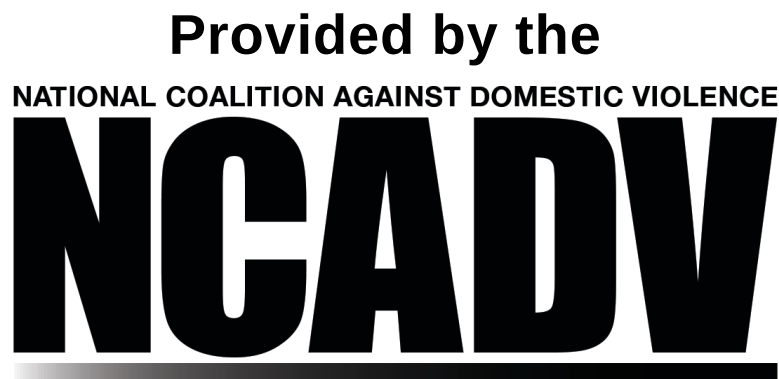


#WEARERESILIENT TOOLKIT

For Survivors, Advocates and Allies
Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2021

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Show #WeAreResilient with NCADV on Social Media!








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THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF #WEARERESILIENT!

Thank you for being a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) this October!

In this toolkit, you'll find information, background, messaging, templates, and content that you'll find helpful when promoting #DVAM2021 and your commitment to seeing a national culture where we are all safe, empowered and free from domestic violence.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THIS TOOLKIT

-  Details about **NCADV** and **DVAM** (*pages 2-4*)
-  Ideas and suggestions for **DVAM in the Time of COVID-19** (*pages 5-6*)
-  Information about **Domestic Violence** (including **graphics**, links to **blog posts** and **fact sheets**) (*pages 7-15*)
-  **Samples and Templates** (*pages 16-19*)
-  **More Ways to Show #WeAreResilient** with NCADV (*pages 20-21*)



About NCADV

Since 1978, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) has led the national grassroots response to domestic violence. Our focus on policy is supplemented by our projects and programs to educate and raise awareness.

[Check Out NCADV's 40+ Year History](#)

Our Vision

NCADV envisions a national culture in which we are all safe, empowered and free from domestic violence.

Our Mission

Our mission is to lead, mobilize and raise our voices to support efforts that demand a change of conditions that lead to domestic violence such as patriarchy, privilege, racism, sexism, and classism. We are dedicated to supporting survivors and holding offenders accountable and supporting advocates.

As the only national grassroots organization focused solely on domestic violence who does not receive government funding, NCADV is uniquely situated to address the issue of domestic violence with independence and freedom from conflicts of interest.

About Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM)

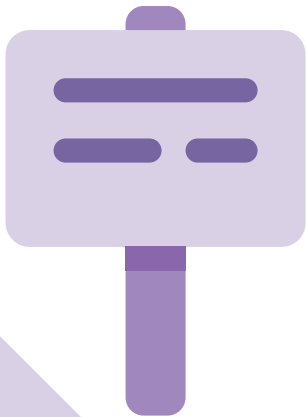
History and Origins

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the 'Day of Unity' in October 1981 observed by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels. The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.” -- From “Domestic Violence Awareness Month History” by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, who adapted it from NCADV’s 1996 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual

Show #WeAreResilient for #DVAM2021

For #DVAM2021, NCADV encourages advocates and allies to use the #WeAreResilient hashtag. #WeAreResilient is the official hashtag for NCADV’s DVAM activities, including our 20th national conference on domestic violence, *Recognizing (Y)Our Resilience*, taking place in September.

DVAM RESOURCES



RESOURCE: Print a Placard, Snap a Selfie with Your Placard, and Share on Social Media!

Show the world what it looks like to be ...

[A SURVIVOR](#)
[AN ADVOCATE](#)
[AN ALLY](#)



RESOURCE: Add a Twibbon to Your Twitter Profile!

Show the world what it looks like to be ...

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RESOURCE: Add a Frame to Your Facebook Profile!

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RESOURCE: More Awareness Materials are Available!

To order materials, [free](#) and [for-purchase](#) items can be found at the Domestic Violence Awareness Project's [website](#).

DVAM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

A New Normal

The COVID-19 has had a unique impact on victims of domestic violence and by extension, the work we all do to address domestic violence.

New Conversations

What if we treated domestic violence as a public health crisis? What if we approached it every day, like we are collectively approaching COVID-19, today? What if we had a plan for emergency response but also developed models to “flatten the curve” by addressing the needs of programs? Advocates and systems that need to respond to survivors? If we are to see a society that has mostly eliminated domestic violence, we must have a long-term, systemic and capacity-building discussion, acknowledging this public health crisis. We must:

- ...address the root causes, like patriarchy, privilege, oppression, and intersecting “isms” (e.g. racism, classism, etc.)
- discuss how we can respond better and work toward a “vaccine” (aka prevention)
- acknowledge our work thus far and recognize that to date, the bandages have barely stopped the bleeding; the infection that rages underneath must still be addressed

This will take a great amount of effort, but we know until we do that work, all we will be able to offer are bandages to victims without looking towards any kind of solution or resolution.

DVAM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

What DVAM May Look Like This October

Virtual Events

RESOURCE: ["How to Host a Successful Virtual Event: Tips and Best Practices"](#)

RESOURCE: Post your event to [NCADV's Event Calendar](#)

Online Fundraising

RESOURCE: ["20 Virtual Fundraising Ideas During COVID-19"](#)

COVID-19 Resources

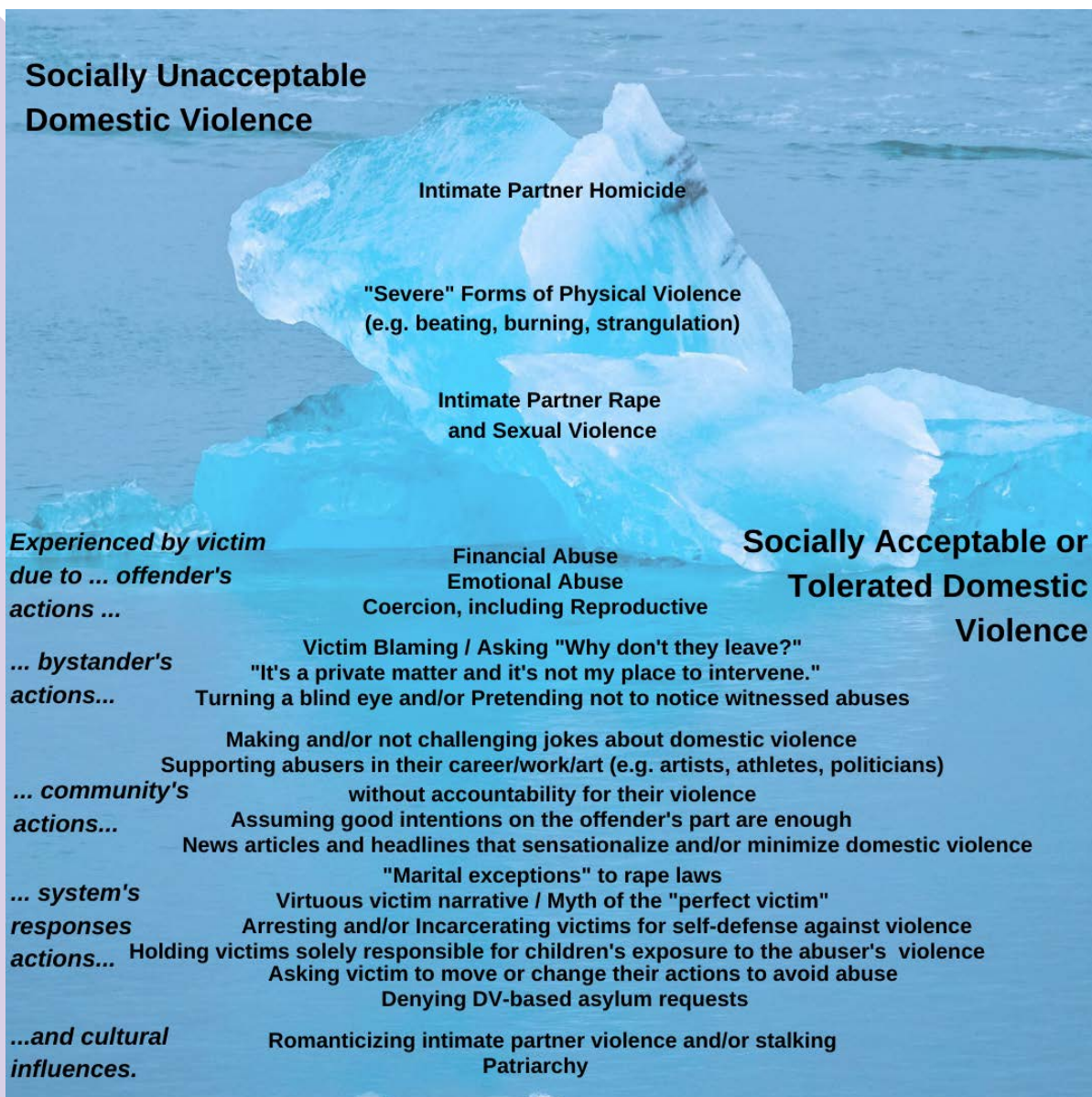
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RESOURCE: [COVID-19 and Domestic Violence](#)

ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Iceberg of Domestic Violence

One of the most dangerous and insidious truths about domestic violence is it's easy to ignore if it's not visible. Like an iceberg, there's a lot more than what is visible above the surface, and that's true for individuals, communities, and cultures. **In the depiction below, we've listed outward acts that society doesn't accept, where survivors are supported and the offenders are held accountable. Ask yourself: WHY don't we do the same with acts found below the water's surface?**



[Download Iceberg of Domestic Violence](#)

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Shareable #DVFacts Graphics



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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.

#DVFACTS

SOURCE: NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY: 2010 SUMMARY REPORT (2011)



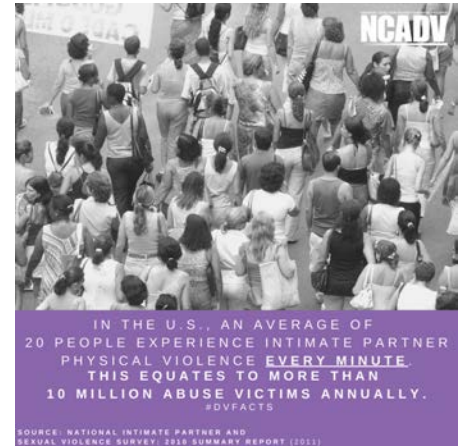
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Domestic Violence includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, emotional abuse, and other forms of control.

The frequency and severity of domestic violence varies.

#DVFACTS

SOURCE: NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY: 2010 SUMMARY REPORT (2011)



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IN THE U.S., AN AVERAGE OF 20 PEOPLE EXPERIENCE INTIMATE PARTNER PHYSICAL VIOLENCE EVERY MINUTE. THIS EQUATES TO MORE THAN 10 MILLION ABUSE VICTIMS ANNUALLY.

#DVFACTS

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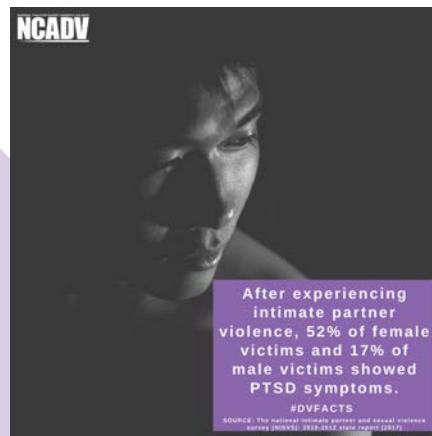


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1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual violence, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and experience an IPV-related impact.

#DVFACTS

SOURCE: THE NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY: 2010 DATA BRIEF - UPDATED RELEASE (2012)



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After experiencing intimate partner violence, 52% of female victims and 17% of male victims showed PTSD symptoms.

#DVFACTS

SOURCE: THE NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY (NIVS): 2010-2012 DATA REPORT (2013)



NCADV

After experiencing intimate partner violence, 57% of female victims and 17% of male victims were concerned for their safety.

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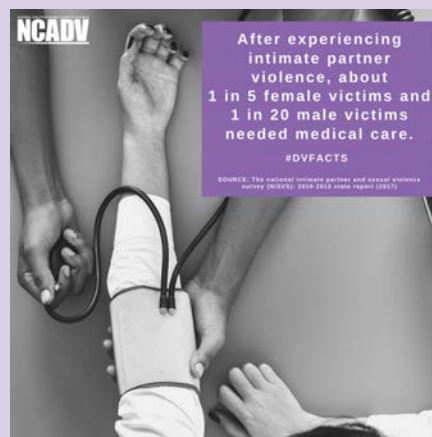


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After experiencing intimate partner violence, female victims sustain injuries 3x more often than male victims.

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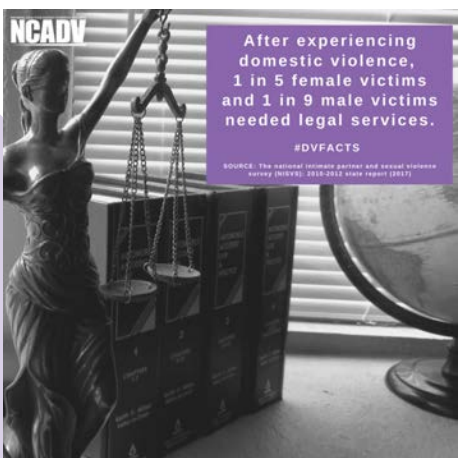


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After experiencing intimate partner violence, about 1 in 5 female victims and 1 in 20 male victims needed medical care.

#DVFACTS

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After experiencing domestic violence, 1 in 5 female victims and 1 in 9 male victims needed legal services.

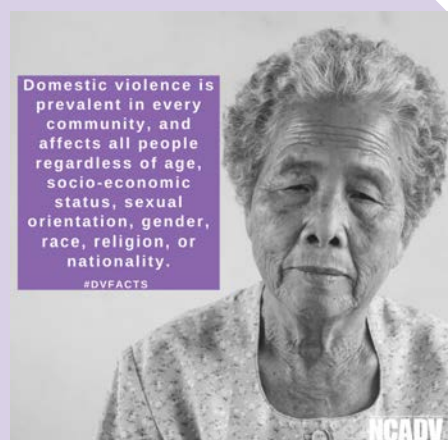
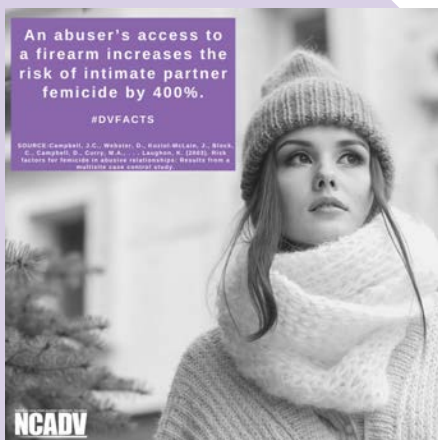
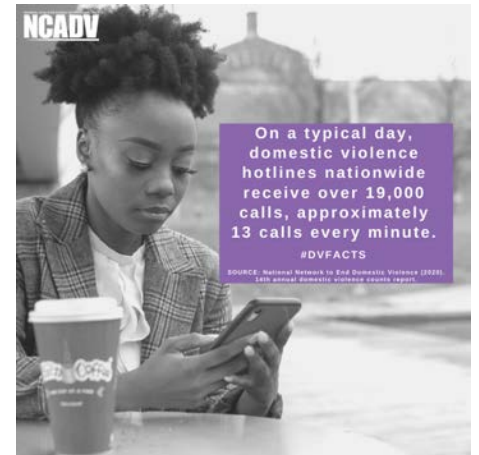
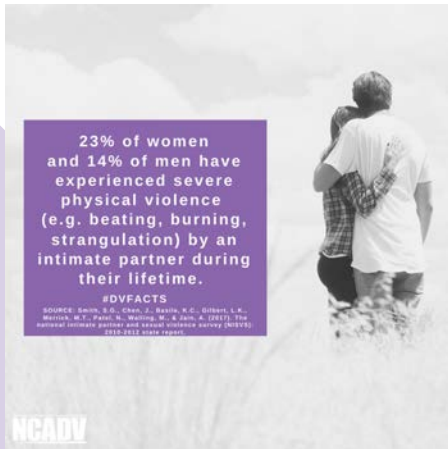
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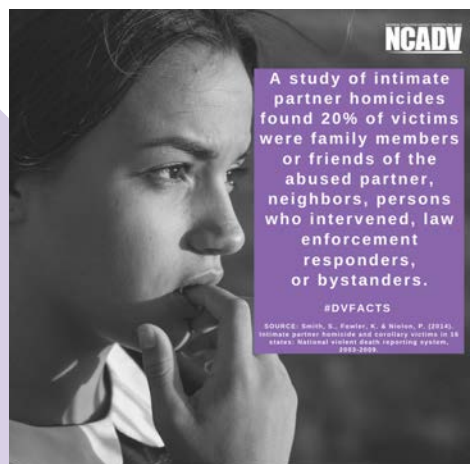
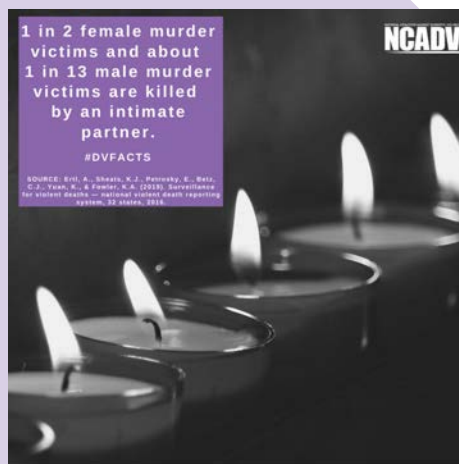
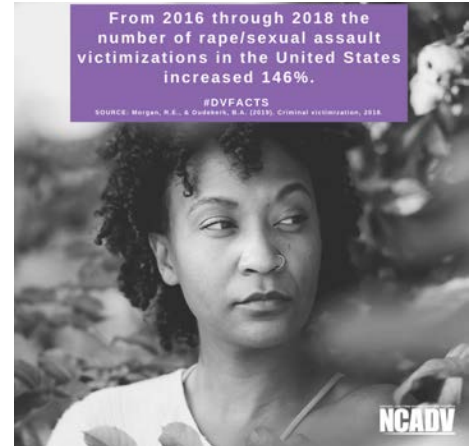
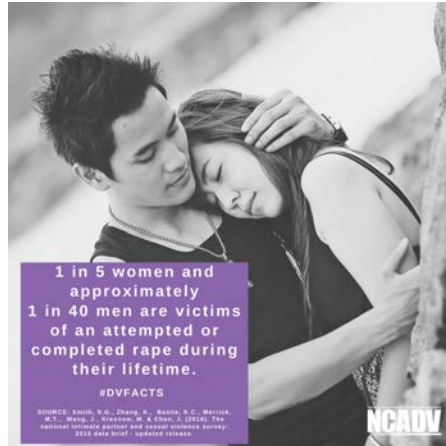
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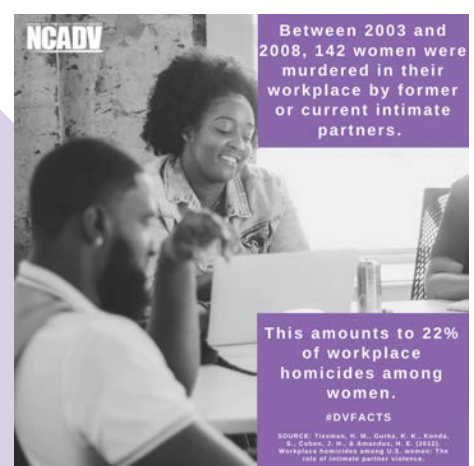
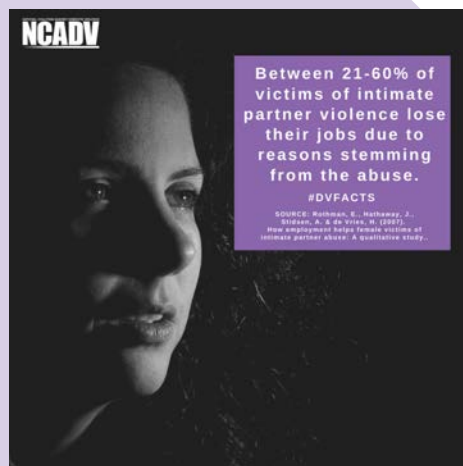
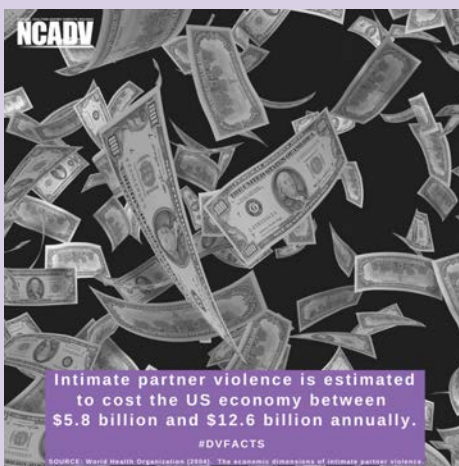
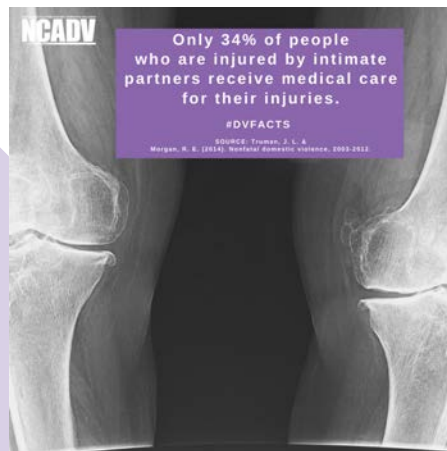
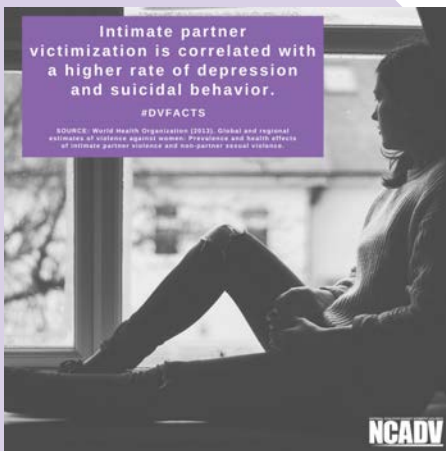
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Fact Sheets

Statistics

[National Statistics](#)

[State by State Statistics](#)

Tools of Abuse and Violence

[Economic Abuse](#)

[Domestic Violence and Guns](#)

[Physical Abuse](#)

[Psychological Abuse](#)

[Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#)

[Stalking](#)



Domestic Violence in Specific Populations

[Domestic Violence and the Impact on Children](#)

[American Indian/Alaskan Native Women and Domestic Violence](#)

[Domestic Violence in the Black Community](#)

[Male Victims of Intimate Partner Violence](#)

[Dating Violence and Teen Domestic Violence](#)

[Domestic Abuse in Later Life](#)

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Blog Posts

By NCADV

[Quick Guide: What is Domestic Violence?](#)

[Why Increasing Federal Funding to Domestic Violence Programs Matters](#)

[Quick Guide to Stalking: 16 Important Statistics and What You Can Do About It](#)

[Quick Guide: Teen Dating Violence](#)

[Quick Guide: Economic and Financial Abuse](#)

[Domestic Violence and People with Disabilities: What to Know, Why It Matters, and How to Help](#)

[Quick Guide: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)

[When #MeToo Isn't Enough: Why Domestic Violence Needs Its Own Hashtag](#)

[Domestic Violence and the LGBTQ Community](#)

[Quick Guide: Domestic Abuse in Later Life](#)



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Blog Posts

By Guest Bloggers ...

...on surviving domestic violence / #SurvivorSpeaks

Poem: A Daughter's Perspective

The Power of Speaking Up

I Don't Know About You, but Lately I'm Feeling Violated

Officer-Involved Domestic Violence: A Survivor's Story

Red Flags: A Domestic Violence Awareness Guest Blog Post

What Everyone Ought to Know about Domestic Violence

Emerging Hope

Finding Legitimacy After the Violence

When I Broke the Silence

But, Why Did You Stay ...?

The Apartment Game After the Divorce

Mad Love

The Aftermath of Domestic Violence

...on self-care

Believe It or Not, Coloring is Therapeutic!

Be Good to Yourself!

...on working with survivors

Working with Survivors: Equipping Survivors with Their Voice

Using Creativity as a Tool for Transformation with Survivors

...on other topics

What Most People Missed When They Watched "Lorena"

The Revictimization Game

Bystander Paralysis: It Happens to Everyone -- Even Domestic Violence Experts

What Will My Job Think?



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SAMPLES AND TEMPLATES

Social Media Messages for Survivors

This is what a survivor of DV looks like! [Share what you want others to know about being a survivor.] Join me this October and show #WeAreResilient! Because when a #SurvivorSpeaks, it's powerful. Share #WeAreResilient with @NCADV and survivors like me this October to raise awareness about domestic violence! Learn more at [NCADV.org/2021DVAM](https://www.ncadv.org/2021DVAM)

Social Media Messages for Advocates

This is what an advocate looks like! [Share what you want others to know about being an advocate/why you chose this path.] Join me this October and show #WeAreResilient! Share #WeAreResilient with @NCADV and advocates like me this October to raise awareness about domestic violence! Learn more at [NCADV.org/2021DVAM](https://www.ncadv.org/2021DVAM)

Join [your organization] for our #DVAM2021 [name of event] to show #WeAreResilient this October! [insert event URL]

Social Media Message for Allies

This is what an ally against DV looks like! [Share what you want others to know about being an ally/what inspired you to take action.] Join me this October and show #WeAreResilient!

Share #WeAreResilient with @NCADV and allies like me this October to raise awareness about domestic violence! Learn more at [NCADV.org/2021DVAM](https://www.ncadv.org/2021DVAM)

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SAMPLES AND TEMPLATES

Social Media Messages for Everyone

What @NCADV started in October 1981 as a Day of Unity has grown into a national month of awareness for domestic violence. This October, we share #WeAreResilient and we need your help.

Join us at [NCADV.org/2020DVAM](https://www.ncadv.org/2020DVAM)

Create your own #WeAreResilient profile to show everyone you're ready to raise awareness about domestic violence for #DVAM2021!

[NCADV.org/2021DVAM](https://www.ncadv.org/2021DVAM)

This #DVAM2020, I will show #WeAreResilient with @NCADV by [add your own DVAM plans]!

If you or someone you love is a victim of DV, reach out to the National DV Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or chat online at thehotline.org.

You are not alone! #WeAreResilient

Domestic violence harms more than victims. It harms communities and our nation as a whole. Join me this October and share

#WeAreResilient! [NCADV.org/2021DVAM](https://www.ncadv.org/2021DVAM)

Raise awareness and educate others about domestic violence statistics using #DVFacts. Share #WeAreResilient this October and all year!

#DYK up to 99% of domestic violence experience economic abuse while with an abusive partner? Learn more #DVFacts with the "Quick Guide: Economic and Financial Abuse" [insert blog URL]

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SAMPLES AND TEMPLATES

Social Media Messages for Everyone

Every day, over 20,000 calls are placed to DV hotlines in the U.S. Help shrink this number by joining @NCADV and sharing #DVFacts to raise awareness! NCADV.org/2020DVAM

Everybody recognizes physical violence as a potential sign of domestic violence, but what about name-calling? Controlling a bank account? Refusing to use birth control? Share #WeAreResilient and teach others all the ways DV can look with the Iceberg of DV.

Learn more #DVFacts with NCADV's fact sheet on [Fact Sheet Topic]. [Fact Sheet URL] #WeAreResilient

Domestic violence + firearms = a lethal combination. Learn more with @NCADV's blog post, "Domestic Violence and Firearms" [insert blog URL]

COVID-19 has impacted everyone, and it's impacted victims and survivors of DV in unique ways. Learn more and support NCADV's efforts to #KeepDVSurvivorsSafe at [insert URL].

Domestic violence doesn't end when October does, and neither will our efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence by sharing #DVFacts!

#DVAM2021 is coming to a close, but our commitment to #PowerUp and raise awareness about DV remains strong year round!

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Templates

[Sample Proclamation Template](#)

[Sample Press Release Template](#)

Talking Points for Key Questions on Domestic Violence

[How prevalent is domestic violence?](#)

[How are children impacted by domestic violence?](#)

[What types of services and supports are offered to victims of domestic violence?](#)

[How does the economy affect domestic violence incidents and reporting by victims?](#)

[What are the personal and societal costs of domestic violence?](#)

[Does domestic violence lead to homicide?](#)

[How prevalent is domestic violence within LGBTQ communities?](#)

[How can faith or spirituality be a resource for domestic violence survivors?](#)

[What is the connection between firearms and domestic violence?](#)

[What do we know about domestic violence within immigrant communities?](#)

[What are the connections between domestic violence and human trafficking?](#)

[How and why are domestic violence and animal abuse related?](#)

[Is domestic violence preventable?](#)

[Create Your Own](#)



MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Looking to get more involved in the movement against domestic violence? There's lots of ways to support NCADV and its vision of a national culture in which we are all safe, empowered and free from domestic violence. Here's some ideas for different ways to make it happen:

Contact Congress using NCADV's Action Alerts

Sign up below to receive "Public Policy Emails and Action Alerts" and get ready to take action!

These blog posts will teach you how to effectively lobby on behalf of domestic violence victims and survivors!

[Lobbying 101](#)

[The Art of Lobbying](#)

[Lobbying for Domestic Victims and Survivors](#)

Sign up for NCADV Emails

Choose what information you'd like to receive:

- Annual Conference
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- Public Policy Emails and Action Alerts
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Donate to NCADV

[Donate Funds to NCADV](#)

[Donate Cell Phones to Support NCADV](#)

[Host a Cell Phone Collection in Your Community](#)

[Host a Facebook Fundraiser for NCADV](#)

Become a Member of NCADV

NCADV offers memberships for individuals and organizations.

[Learn More](#)

[Join Now](#)