

Domestic Violence Statistics

How many of the facts do you
know about domestic violence?



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A Snapshot of the Statistics

The following statistics have been reproduced from a variety of reports and surveys. They paint a sobering picture of the incidence and impacts of domestic violence.

- 23% of women who have ever been married or in a de facto relationship have experienced physical violence from a male partner.¹
- Of the women who have experienced domestic violence, 20% experienced it for the first time while pregnant.¹
- 58% of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.²
- Most assaults against women where the victim knows the offender go unreported.³
- Intimate partner violence is responsible for more ill health and premature death in Victorian women under the age of 45 than any other of the well known risk factors including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking.⁴
- Ninety percent of children present in violent homes have witnessed the violence perpetrated against their mother.⁵
- It is estimated that the economic cost of domestic violence on Australian businesses exceeds \$1.5 billion a year.⁶

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Contacts

National

Emergency 000

Domestic Violence Confidential

Helpline 1800 200 526

Lifeline 13 11 14

Kids Helpline Australia

1800 55 1800

Mensline 1300 78 99 78

Relationships Australia

1300 364 277

Victoria

The Domestic Violence & Incest

Resource Centre 9486 9866

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis

Service 9373 0123 or 1800 015 188

Immigrant Women's Domestic

Violence Service (Mon-Fri 9-5)

03 9898 3145

Women's Information & Referral

Exchange (Mon-Fri 9-5) 1300 134 130

Family Life 03 8599 5433

Queensland

Domestic Violence Telephone

Service 1800 811 811

Immigrant Women's Support

Service (Mon-Fri 9-5) 07 3846 3490

ACT

Domestic Violence Crisis Service

(24hr) 02 6280 0900

New South Wales

Domestic Violence Helpline (24hr)

1800 656 463

Domestic Violence Advocacy

Service (Mon-Fri 9-5) 02 8745 6999

Immigrant Women's Speak Out Assn

(Mon-Fri 9-5) 02 9635 8022

South Australia

Domestic Violence Helpline (24hr)

1800 800 098

Domestic Violence Crisis Service

1300 782 200

Tasmania

Domestic Violence Crisis Service

1800 633 937

SHE (Support, Help &

Empowerment) 03 9278 9090

Western Australia

Crisis Line (24hrs) 1800 199 008

Women's Refuge Group (Mon-Fri

9-5) 08 9420 7264

Northern Territory

Crisis Line (24hr) 1800 019 116

Domestic Violence Counselling

Service (Mon-Fri 9-5) 08 8952 1391

New Zealand

Emergency 111

Domestic Violence Crisis Line

Auckland (24hr) 303 3939

More Information

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