

31 FACTS

FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

1. 1987 was the first year of honoring victims, survivors and their families by celebrating **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.
2. **1 in 4 women** and **1 in 7 men** has been a victim of severe physical domestic violence. It touches each and every one of us, but it's preventable.
3. Domestic violence does not only occur in heterosexual couples. Gay and bisexual men experience abuse in intimate partner relationships at a rate of 2 in 5, which is comparable to the amount of domestic violence experienced by heterosexual women.
4. **On Wednesday, October 15th**, plan to wear purple in celebration of Domestic Violence awareness month and 'Wear Purple Day!'
5. Many women and their children enter a domestic violence shelter with minimal possessions.
6. In one day in Arizona 2013, there were 187 requests for domestic violence services, 143 of those for safe housing, went unmet due to lack of resources.
7. Native American/Alaskan Indian women and men experience higher rates for intimate partner violence than do women and men from other minority backgrounds.
8. Support from individuals is crucial for programs to keep their doors open. Call your local shelter or ACESDV and offer to volunteer your time!
9. For more general information about domestic violence, including potential warning signs for emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline's information page at www.acesdv.org
10. **Support Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** www.nrcdv.org/dvam Get free materials, find events, spread the word, and use their artwork.
11. Reminder: **Wednesday, October 15th is 'Wear Purple Day'** in celebration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
12. Arizona has many local shelters and domestic violence programs that provide safety, counseling, legal help, and other resources for victims and their children.
13. Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80% more likely to have a stroke.
14. **Don't forget tomorrow is 'Wear Purple Day'** in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month!
15. Honor Domestic Violence victims, survivors and their families by wearing Purple today! Don't forget to tag the ACESDV and use the official hashtag: **#AZWearPurpleDay**
16. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) health effects specific to African American women included higher rates of hypertension and higher rates of emergency department use for IPV injuries in abused African American women compared to Euro-Americans.
17. In 2013, there were at least 125 domestic violence related fatalities in Arizona.
18. Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.
19. Violence limits women's ability to manage their reproductive health and exposes them to sexually transmitted diseases. Abuse during pregnancy can have lasting harmful effects for a woman, the developing fetus and newborns.
20. The cost of intimate partner violence annually exceeds \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses.
21. Women age 20-24 are at greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence and highest rates of rape and sexual assault
22. Each year women experience 4.8 million intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes.
23. Men experience 2.9 million intimate partner related physical attacks each year.
24. Many men and women involved with controlling partners need and use the help of an outsider to leave the relationship.
25. A 2005 study found that women experiencing physical intimate partner violence victimization reported an average of 7.2 days of work-related lost productivity and 33.9 days in productivity losses associated with household chores, child care, school, volunteer activities, and social/recreational activities.
26. A study found women with disabilities, in comparison to women without disabilities, were more likely to report more intense experiences of abuse, including the combination of multiple incidents, multiple perpetrators, and longer duration.
27. In 2013, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented 3,918 calls from Arizona, 32% of those calls asking for safe housing requests and 43% of those calls from the city of Phoenix.
28. An estimated 10.7% of women & 2.1% of men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime.
29. In 1972, the first domestic violence shelter was opened. In 2012, 35,323 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of services including advocacy and job training.
30. Economic abuse is a commonly used tactic to gain power and control over an intimate partner. Like other types of abuse, it typically begins subtly and progresses over time. To read more about types of abuse visit.
31. Let's continue to bring domestic violence awareness throughout the year.