

Child abuse is reported every **10** seconds.

5 to **6** children die each day as a result of child abuse or neglect.

1 in every **4** children in the United States (**28** million) are living in a household with an alcoholic adult.

Every **2** minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted.

61 percent of rapes/sexual assaults are **not** reported to the police.

683,000 forcible rapes occur every year, which equals **56,916** per month, **1,871** per day, **78** per hour, and **1.3** per minute.

Every **9** seconds a woman is beaten in the United States.

Over **1,750,000** workdays are lost each year due to domestic violence.

1 in **5** female high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.

child abuse

What is it?

Child abuse is any mistreatment or neglect of a child that results in non-accidental harm or injury and which cannot be reasonably explained. Child abuse can include: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.

child abuse statistics

Approximately **3** million child abuse reports are made each year.

In 2001, Child Protective Service (CPS) agencies investigated more than **3.25** million reports of child abuse and neglect throughout the United States.

In 2001, CPS agencies determined approximately **1.1** million children were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and neglect.

In 2001 CPS agencies, it is estimated that nationwide, **2,000** children died as a result of abuse or neglect.

It is difficult to imagine that any person would intentionally inflict harm on a child. Many times, physical abuse is a result of excessive discipline or physical punishment that is inappropriate for the child's age. The parent may simply be unaware of the magnitude of force with which he or she strikes a child. Most parents want to be good parents but sometimes lose control and are unable to cope.

rape

what is it?

Rape is the act of forced penetration of any bodily orifice (vaginally, anally, or orally) or forced cunnilingus, involving violation of the survivor's body and psychological person. The assault is accomplished by the use of force, the threat of force, or without force when the survivor is unable to physically or mentally give her or his consent. It is the destruction of a feeling of control over one's body, life, and the course of events. Rape is an experience of violation, degradation, and humiliation.

rape statistics

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87 to **90** percent of all rapes are by someone the victim knows.

About **3** percent of American men—a total of **2.78** million men—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

Most rapists average **10** rapes before they are caught.

Rape is not only an attack on a person's body, but an attack on the soul, on the person and the potential of that person. Rape's affects are constantly undermined and ill-considered, rape is not just sex; it's the complete loss of control, confidence, and power of one's entire self and it's a violent attack on one's personal space, personal presence.

domestic violence

what is it?

Domestic violence is any physical abuse, threat or pattern thereof, between intimately involved partners, roommates, or family members. Domestic violence and other domestic friction is a significant contributor to homelessness and general domestic upheaval. Although most domestic violence victims are ostensibly women, some social recognition is beginning to manifest for male domestic violence victims too.

domestic violence statistics

Approximately **52,790** total domestic crimes were reported in 2003 in Los Angeles.

4 million American women experience a serious assault by an intimate partner during an average **12**-month period.

In one study, nearly half of the victims who obtained a protection order were re-abused within **2** years.

Family violence costs the nation from **5** to **10** billion dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity.

Domestic violence is a major problem in the US—**5** to **10** billion dollars is spent on it annually. Even when protection orders are issued, over **60** percent of the victims will still be abused, yet only **6** percent of the abusers will be convicted.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries...
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise

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-Still I Rise, **Maya Angelou**

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