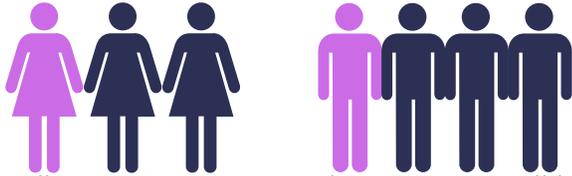


CORONAVIRUS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence Occurs at High Rates



Nationally, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be victims of domestic violence in their lifetime[i-ii].

Domestic Violence Reports Have Increased in China

- Reports of domestic violence to local police in January 2020 were double 2019 levels [iii].
- In February, the reports were tripled from last year [iv].
- Local non-profits have reported that 90 percent of the cases they see had a COVID-19 related trigger for the violence [v].

Rates Will Likely Increase in the United States

- Social distancing and lock downs isolate survivors.
- Survivors may fear relying on family/friends if they are at greater risk (such as elderly parents).
- There have already been many reports of people who cause harm withholding financial or medical assistance from survivors [vi].
- There are now additional stressors on couples due to the economic and financial ramifications of COVID-19.
- People who cause harm may feel that they can act with impunity as survivors have decreased ability to leave during this time.

How You Can Help:

1. Share Information

Share hotline numbers and other resources to help providers reach all survivors.

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-877-863-6338

Call or Text 24/7

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-7233

1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

2. Donate

Support organizations financially, if you can.

OR reach out to your local shelter and see how you can help them during this time.

3. Follow Guidelines Set by Health Officials

Help lessen the burden on providers by adhering to CDC guidelines.

Practice social distancing.

Wash your hands.

Stay up to date on all

guidelines at

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



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