

The British Crime Survey released in 1999 by the Home Office found that, from a survey of over 10,000 male and female respondents, **4.2% of men and 4.2% of women** reported (and this was corroborated) that they had been physically assaulted within the last year by their partner.

MALE VICTIMS – come from all walks of life, social backgrounds and cultures

MALE VICTIMS – are often stressed, become depressed and feel suicidal because of their isolation and cannot function in the workplace

MALE VICTIMS – are disbelieved – often because they are men.

MALE VICTIMS – want help – not further abuse from society and the caring agencies.

MALE VICTIMS – are removed from or asked to leave their homes – often because it is the easy option.

MALE VICTIMS – are not treated equitably by the state agencies

WHAT MEN SHOULD DO

- Do not leave the family home unless your life and that of your children is in danger.
- Always keep a record of dates and times of incidents in a safe place.
- Always report the violence to your doctor and to the gardai - ensure that they record your injuries and all the details of the assault.
- Always seek medical attention for any injuries - do not cover up the true cause.
- Take photographs of any injuries
- Always take legal advice.
- Do tell your family and friends what is happening to you.
- Do not be provoked into retaliating

VICTIMS' COMMENTS

She said, " You realise I could kill you and get away with it". She slept with the knife under the pillow.

"To the outside world we look like a model family but behind closed doors life is hell on earth for me and the children".

"She blamed me for everything, said I was a bad father. I stayed to protect the children. I knew that if I left I would lose them."

"She made false allegations about me and humiliated me in front of others. I'm a doctor. Who do I talk to? Who is going to believe me?"

"She alienated the children from me and encouraged our daughter and son to abuse me also."

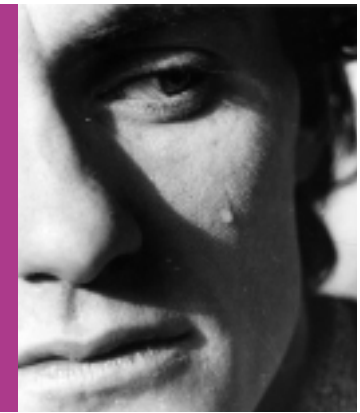
"As I put away the shopping she stabbed me in the back with a dagger and it was several days before my family knew whether I would live or die".

"My physical wounds will heal in time but the emotional abuse will remain with me forever".

**Domestic Violence is
NOT A GENDER ISSUE
– it is a social issue affecting
men, women and children.**

***We cannot expect to find real solutions
to the problem while it is treated solely
as a women's issue.***

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MALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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the Family
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