

Why There's Not a Minute to Lose: Domestic Violence Statistics



Every 36-minutes a police officer responds to a domestic violence incident where a child is present. (Arizona Governor's Office)



Every 30 minutes in Arizona, a family is turned away from a shelter due to lack of space. (Based on 2003 Arizona Department of Economic Security numbers of 17,077 women and children, July 2002 - June 2003)



Every 12 minutes in Arizona, a domestic violence victim calls DES to request emergency shelter, information or referral. (Based on Arizona Department of Economic Security numbers of 45,095 calls)



A woman is physically assaulted by an intimate partner in this country every 7 seconds. This equates to 9 women every minute or 4.4 million per year. (Based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) report, 2003)



Every 19 minutes in Arizona, an arrest is made as a result of a domestic violence incident. (Arizona Governor's Office)



Every five minutes in Arizona, a law enforcement officer responds to a domestic violence call. (Arizona Governor's Office)



There is a domestic violence related death approximately every five days in Arizona. (Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2003)



On average, in the United States more than three women are murdered each day by an intimate partner. (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, *Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim 1993-99*, October 2001)



It costs businesses nationwide \$11,035 every minute of every day to medical expenses and lost productivity due to domestic violence. (Based on a total of \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services) (CDC, *Costs of Intimate Partner Violence*, 2003)



Eighty-five percent of domestic violence victims are women. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Factbook: Violence By Intimates*, 1998, NCJ-167237)



More than 40 percent of female victims of intimate partner violence live in households with children under age 12. (Bureau of Justice Statistics Report. *Intimate Partner Violence*, U.S. Department of Justice, May 2000.)