

Facts Everyone Should Know About Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, & Stalking

Intimate partner violence is widespread.



were victims of contact sexual violence*, physical violence, and/or stalking **by an intimate partner** with a negative impact such as injury, fear, concern for safety, needing services.

*Contact sexual violence includes rape, being made to penetrate, sexual coercion, and/or unwanted sexual contact.

Sexual violence affects women and men.

About **1 in 4** women and nearly **1 in 6** men were victims of contact sexual violence at some point in their lives.

Nearly 23 million women and 1.7 million men have been the victims of rape or attempted rape at some point in their lives.

Violence starts early. 

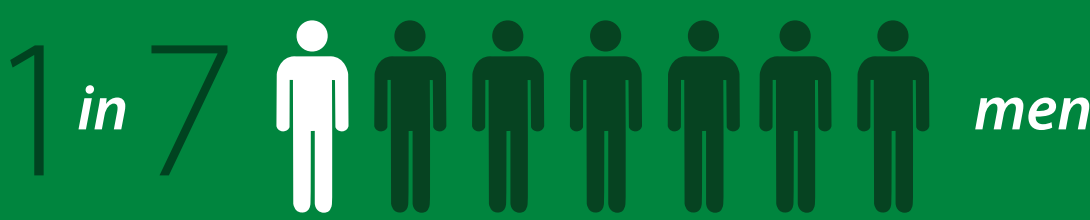
Before the age of 18:

8.5 million women first experienced rape.

1.5 million men were first made to penetrate.

3.5 million women & **1 million** men first experienced being stalked.

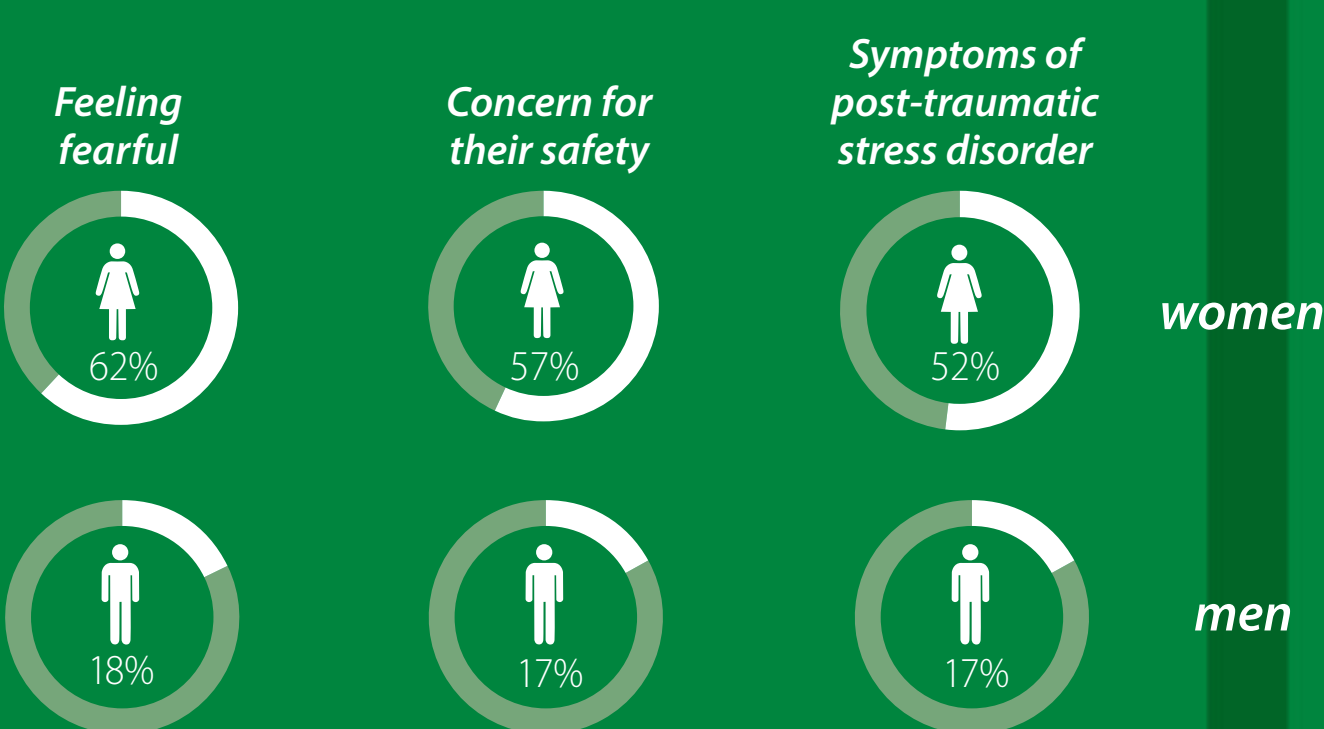
Intimate partner violence can be severe.



have experienced severe physical violence* by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

*Severe physical violence includes hit with a fist or something hard, kicked, hurt by pulling hair, slammed against something, tried to hurt by choking or suffocating, beaten, burned on purpose, used a knife or gun.

Victims of intimate partner violence* commonly report negative impacts such as:



*Among victims who experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.



By understanding these types of violence, we can take action in our communities to stop them before they start.

Visit cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs to learn more.

