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What do you know?

Answers

A) Q: How many women experience abuse in relationships?
A: **1 in 4 women will experience abuse from partners or ex-partners in their lifetime.**¹

B) Q: How many women in England and Wales are killed each week by their partners or ex-partners?
A: **2 women are killed by a partner or ex-partner each week. This is nearly one half of all murders of women in the UK.**²

C) Q: How many young people run away from home each year as a result of abuse, neglect or violence?
A: **Each year, 100,000 young people run away from home following their experiences of abuse.**³

D) Q: How many young people have witnessed violence between their parents?
A: **26% of young people have witnessed violence between their parents. For 5% of young people, the violence is frequent and ongoing.**⁴

E) Q: What do you think how many rape cases are reported to the police?
A: **1 in 5 cases are reported to police.**⁵

¹ Home Office (2005): British Crime Survey 2004-2005, <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs05/hosb1105.pdf> (viewed 31/07/2008)

² Home Office (2005): British Crime Survey 2004-2005, <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs05/hosb1105.pdf> (viewed 31/07/2008)

³ Rees, G (2001) "Working with Runaways: Learning from Practice" (London Press)

⁴ (Cawson, P. (2002) *Child Maltreatment in the Family: The experience of a National Sample of Young People*. London: NSPCC)

⁵ Home Office (2002): Rape and sexual assault of women: findings from the British Crime Survey, <http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk/HOFindings159.pdf> (viewed 31/07/2008)

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TRUE OR FALSE?

- Abuse is limited to certain populations or particular types of people
→ **False – Abusers come from all walks of life.⁶**

- Domestic violence and abuse in relationships is a big problem
→ **True - According to the Government 16% of all violent crime is domestic violence.⁷**

- Violence in young people's relationships is a small problem
→ **False - Young people are more likely to experience domestic violence in their relationships than people in older age groups.⁸**

- Abuse and violence don't occur in same sex relationships
→ **False – Men's abuse of women is the predominant pattern but there is abuse in same sex relationships as well.⁹**

- A woman is more likely to be raped by a stranger than by someone she knows
→ **False - 54% of UK rapes are committed by a woman's current or former partner.¹⁰**

- Women are more likely to become victims of violent relationships
→ **True – Although women may also be violent towards men, men's abuse of women is historically, statistically and globally the predominant pattern and the one that causes the most fear and physical harm."¹¹**

⁶ <http://www.womensaid.org.uk/domestic-violence-articles.asp?section=00010001002200410001&itemid=1276&itemTitle=Who+are+the+abusers> (viewed 05/02/2010)

⁷ Home Office (2007): British Crime Survey 2006-2007, <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/hosb1107.pdf> (viewed 31/07/2008)

⁸ Home Office (2006): British Crime Survey 2005-2006, <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/hosb1206.pdf> (viewed 31/07/2008)

⁹ (Mullender, 2006)

¹⁰ Women@s Aid: Domestic violence stats – June 2007 KJH, [http://www.womensaid.org.uk/domestic_violence_topic.asp?section=0001000100220041§ionTitle=Domestic+violence+\(general\)](http://www.womensaid.org.uk/domestic_violence_topic.asp?section=0001000100220041§ionTitle=Domestic+violence+(general)), (viewed 05/02/2010)

¹¹ (Mullender, 2006)



Discussion

- Violence in relationships is a private matter
- Why does violence in relationships still happen?
- Violence in relationships is the fault of the victim
- Is violence ever an acceptable choice in a relationship?
- In your opinion, what is the reason why people are violent in relationships?
- Violent partners just can't control themselves
- People should simply remove themselves from abusive relationships
- Who would you go to if you or your friend were having problems with an abusive relationship?