

LEGISLATIVE STANDS AGAINST VIOLENCE

On January 6, 2006, President Bush signed the Violence Against Women Act. On May 18, 2007, Texas Governor Perry signed the Teen Dating Violence Initiative. These legislative actions have given Texas psychologists the direction to pursue a violence prevention program in our communities around the state.

The Texas Psychological Foundation, in conjunction with the Texas Psychological Association, is proud to join these efforts with our ***STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE***.

Go to our website at www.texaspsyc.org to download additional copies of this brochure, to locate local area psychological societies and request a speaker in your area, [or locate a psychologist in your city](#). Speakers may not be available in all communities.

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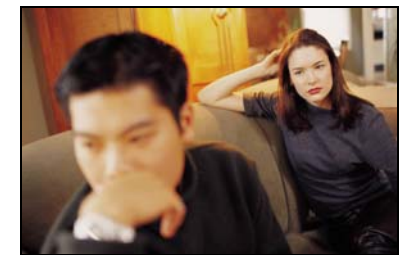
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STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE



WHAT IS INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

From The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center:

“Intimate partner violence defined as physical, emotional or verbal abuse, forced isolation, threats or intimidation occurring between current or former spouse, dating heterosexual couples, & those in gay or lesbian relationships. The common element in all abusive relationships is the abuser’s need for power & control over his or her partner.”

THE FACTS

The statistics indicate numbers that are thought to be deceptively low as a result of under reporting. Female victims are five times as many as males. Nationally, the rate of women killed by men in single victim/single offender instances was 1.29 per 100,000.

In 2004, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s report, 62% of female homicide victims were wives or intimate acquaintances of their killers. 49% of males committed a homicide against a woman using a firearm.

Billions of dollars are spent annually on health care related costs. In Texas 74% of residents are affected in some way by these types of crimes.

TEN WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP*

- History of legal or discipline problems
- Blames you for his/her anger
- Serious drug or alcohol use
- History of violent behaviors
- Threatens others regularly
- Insults you or calls you names
- Trouble controlling feelings like anger
- Tells you what to wear, what to do or how to act
- Threatens or intimidates you in order to get their way
- Prevents you from spending time with your friends or family

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship **TAKE ACTION.**

Create a Safety Plan!*

- Talk to someone that you can trust
- Plan *in advance* to have a safe place to go
- Keep money and your cell phone or calling card with you at all times
- Establish a code word or sign so family, friends and co-workers know when to call for help

TAKE ALL THREATS DIRECTED AT YOU OR ANY ONE ELSE SERIOUSLY.

CALL 911 FOR IMMEDIATE HELP OR YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPT. FOR INFORMATION ON A RESTRAINING ORDER.

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