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In 2010, the Memphis Police Department took reports on 26,000 domestic violence cases.

Subtract the 4,000 that were vandalism or burglary - property crimes related to that particular household or relationship - and the number of physical assaults remaining was 22,000. That's an average every day, seven days a week, of more than 60 cases.

HOW HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CAN RESPOND

You can help if you suspect that a patient or someone you know is living in an abusive relationship.

Your support of someone who is being abused can make a critical difference. If she feels supported and encouraged, she may feel stronger and more able to make decisions. If she feels judged or criticized, she could be afraid to tell anyone else about the abuse again.

AWAY FROM ANY POTENTIAL ABUSER, ASK your patient if he/she is experiencing domestic violence. A good way to frame the question is to state that your primary concern is his/her health and that domestic violence occurs often enough that you ask patients about it regularly. Ask: Do you feel safe at home?

INFORM him/her about referrals/resources. For copies of appropriate materials go to erasedomesticcrime.com to print copies of this resource card and other information. Make sure material passed to victims is small enough to be hidden from the potential abuser - use our "DV palm card" on the website.

DOCUMENT information and actions taken in the medical record.

SUGGEST your patient use steps outlined below to prepare for a safe way to leave.

REPORT domestic violence in Tennessee: State law requires any person who has knowledge of or suspects abuse or neglect of a minor child to report to the Department of Children's Services, Division of Child Safety at 1-877-237-0004. Anyone with knowledge of or who suspects abuse of an elderly person or a dependent adult is required to report to Adult Protective Services at 1-888-APS-TENN (1-888-277-8366) or 320-7220. Health care providers are encouraged to report suspected intimate partner violence and resulting injuries online to Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics on a monthly basis solely for tracking prevalence.

VOLUNTEER, DONATE and SUPPORT organizations and agencies that help victims of domestic crime. Go to erasedomesticcrime.com or phone FSC for opportunities and places to help.

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. Forms of abuse include emotional, sexual, physical, financial, etc. Physical injuries resulting from domestic violence range from minor injuries to more serious injuries associated with long-term disability such as traumatic brain injury. Intimate partner violence (IPV) has been associated with an increased risk for HIV infection, sexually transmitted infections, and health conditions related to chronic stress such as stomach ulcers, migraines, or chronic pain. IPV has been associated with emotional problems including low self-esteem, depression, suicide and substance abuse. Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to be aggressive with peers and develop emotional problems including depression and anxiety. Childhood domestic violence is associated with later substance use, suicide attempts, homelessness and traumatic victimization.

Safety Planning

Identify “safe” areas in your house. These are areas with more than one exit and areas that do not contain items which could be used as weapons.

Tell people you trust in the neighborhood or at work what is happening and make a plan with them in case you need help.

If possible, always have an easily accessible phone.

Keep important items (documents, medications) together in a place you can get to quickly if you need to leave.

Talk to your children about safety. Tell them not to get involved in violence between you and your partner. Teach them how to get help and practice your safety plan with them.

Circle of Inspiration Outreach Program
Inspirational Faith Lutheran Church
Semi-monthly Christian support group; victim advocacy
(901) 359-8516
3595 N. Thomas Street

Cocaine Alcohol Awareness Program
Serves disadvantaged domestic violence victims; 24-hour crisis line
(901) 367-7550
4023 Knight Arnold Road

Community Legal Center
Legal assistance
(901) 543-3395
910 Vance Avenue

Department of Children’s Services
Social services, child protection
(901) 578-4371
170 N. Main Street, 4th floor

Exchange Club Family Center
Comprehensive services for victims, perpetrators and children; lethality assessments, custodial evaluations
(901) 276-2200 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
2180 Union Avenue

Family Safety Center**
Comprehensive services for families who are victims of domestic violence
www.fscmemphis.com
(901) 864-2081
1750 Madison Avenue*

The Healing Word Counseling Center
Counseling and various services
(901) 370-4673
3910 Tchulahoma Road

Memphis Area Legal Services
Comprehensive legal services to domestic violence victims
(901) 523-8822 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
109 N. Main St., 2nd floor

Memphis Area Women’s Council /
Erase Domestic Crime Collaborative
Community awareness and education; system coordination, change and support; prevention
(901) 378-3866
2574 Sam Cooper Blvd.

Memphis Child Advocacy Center
Counseling for child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse; houses, Child Protection Investigation Team
(901) 525-2377
1085 Poplar Avenue

Memphis Police Department Domestic Violence Bureau*
Assault investigation, transport to victim services
(901) 636-3741
201 Poplar Avenue

Midsouth Sexual Assault Resource Center*
Services 24/7 to victims of sexual assault and abuse
(901) 272-2020 8:30 am -5:00 pm
2675 Union Extended

Shelby County Citizens Dispute*
Assists victims obtaining orders/warrants
(901) 545-2520 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.
201 Poplar Avenue

Shelby County Crime Victims Center*
Court assistance, counseling, support groups, other services
(901) 545-4357 or (901) 545-5164 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.
600 Adams Avenue

Shelby County District Attorney General’s DV Unit*
Prosecution of DV cases; victim advocacy and links to services
(901) 545-5900
201 Poplar Avenue

Sophia’s House
Shelter, other services for women and children victims
(901) 728-4229 or (901) 722-4700

Victims to Victory Incorporated
Support groups for victims of homicide; court advocacy
(901) 274-6828 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
1548 Poplar Avenue

YWCA of Greater Memphis
Shelter for abused women, children under 12 ; counseling, court advocacy, Immigrant Women’s Services
24-Hour Hotline (901) 725-4277

*Agencies moving to 1750 Madison fall 2011 - see website for updated info.

**Family Safety Center opening late 2011 with multiple co-located partner agencies.

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