

Do You Know???

...every 6 minutes a woman is raped.

...every 15 seconds a woman is punched, slapped, kicked or physically abused by a man she knows.

...everyday, about 4 women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.

There are Crisis Centers, Shelters, and Hotlines for rape and domestic abuse throughout the country.

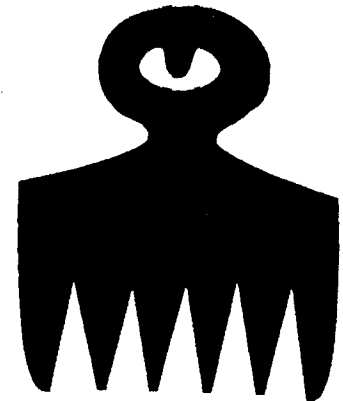
Let's

Stop

The

Violence

*Stop
Domestic
Abuse*



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Consider these points...

*half of all American women experience violence from men at some point in their lives.

*programs on TV show women who are stalked and terrorized or looked at as helpless victims and men as ruthless and aggressive.

*even today some music assaults our ears with lyrics about women who need to be taught to stay in their place.

Consider how **Domestic Violence** has affected and limited your won life:

...are you afraid to go out alone at night?

...are you cautious to the point of isolation?

...have you joined the many women who now choose to own and carry a weapon?

Unfortunately, as careful as we may be outside our homes, often it is from those within our closets circle that we have the most to fear.

*According to the 1992 report by the National Crime Victim Center, nearly 8 out of 10 rape survivors knew their attackers.

*Childhood sexual abuse occurs most often between a father or step-father and a daughter not with some evil stranger.

*Domestic battery-- injury of a woman at the hand of her husband or lover-- is responsible for more injuries to adult women than any other cause.