



FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- **Tennessee** continues to rank **5th in the nation** for **women who are killed by men.** ❶
- Last year our local 911 dispatch center responded to **18,497 domestic violence calls.** ❷
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation reports that **50% of all crimes against persons in Tennessee** are Domestic Violence crimes. ❸
- **Domestic Violence (DV) is deadly.** DV Homicides in Knox County: **2 in 2009, 7 in 2008 and 9 in 2007.** (Knoxville / Knox County ranks #3 in State). ❹

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS OUR CHILDREN

- An estimated **3.3--10 million children witness DV** each year. ❺
- **45-70%** of children exposed to DV are also **physically abused**; up to **40%** of children who are **physically abused** are also **exposed to DV** ❻
- Studies have demonstrated a **clear link** between **DV** in the home and **later violence** in the lives of the effected children – both **as abuser AND as victim.** ❼
- **Children** who are exposed to DV are **more likely** to **act out aggressively**, and to **suffer from depression and anxiety.** ❽
- It costs a minimum of **\$5,000 per month** to place a child in State custody and provide basic testing and counseling. ❾

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS COSTLY^⑥

- Tennessee spends almost ***\$15 million PER YEAR in prison costs*** for domestic violence murderers.
- Companies in Tennessee lose at least ***\$10 million per year in paid work time*** due to DV-related injuries (not including time the victim needs to be off for court, or for medical or legal assistance).
- ***Known DV cases in Tennessee*** cost over ***\$33 million in healthcare***, paid by Medicaid, insurance, public resources (tax-supported emergency rooms, free clinics), or out-of-pocket by the victim. ***Many more costs are probably unreported as DV-related injuries are often misclassified.***
- ***96% of battered women*** experience ***work related problems*** because their ***abusers call their employers, harass other employees*** and ***stalk the workplace.***
- ***20%*** of victims ***lose their jobs*** as a result of DV
- Employers will often ***terminate*** a ***victim-employee***, due to the ***potentially catastrophic liabilities*** for an employer when the ***abuser creates an unsafe work environment.***
- These ***jobs lost*** by victims contribute to ***unemployment costs*** and increased ***dependence on governmental assistance.***

① (Violence Policy Center, 2008)

② (911 Report, 2009)

③ (Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 2009)

④ (TBI Crime Report, 2007-2009)

⑤ (Economic Council on Women)

⑥ (<http://www.vaw.umn.edu/documents/inbriefs/domesticviolence/domesticviolence-color.pdf>)