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World Wide Domestic Abuse

Covid-19 Side effects on Humanity...



Domestic Violence in the age of Covid-19

Amid all the chaos of the Pandemic, there has been an outbreak of another kind, Domestic Violence and it has hit an all time high. Spousal abuse, child violence and abuse and just about any other domestic crime is on the rise.

Put in to the mix a global pandemic, then add stay at home orders, along with social distancing and a tad of stir crazy. Its enough to stress out anyone, and it has. Stress leads to vices like drinking and drug use, which inturn leads to more violence. Human behavior is a

fragile thing, and it does not take a lot to throw someone over the edge, many alcoholics and drug users speak of how their lives were going great and before they knew it, they were hooked on some form of drug or alcohol use. Just the stress from our daily lives, our jobs, is enough to cause many to drink on a regular basis.

We will mainly focus on alcohol and alcoholism for this article, as most of the domestic abuse is from the middle age demographic as most do not do illegal drugs, the illegal drugs demographic is average age 25 but varies from mid teens to 30's and beyond.

Alcohol plays a big part in domestic violence, studies show men are 3 times more likely to abuse their wives and children while intoxicated.

According to the WHO Domestic violence is defined as “every act or omission committed by some family member in a position of power, regardless of where it occurs, which harms the well-being, physical or psychological integrity, or freedom and right to full development of another family member”

The WHO states that violent acts can be classified based on their type, including acts of physical and psychological abuse as well as sexual violence. They can also be expressed as any form of neglect and abandonment- WHO Article Link [link](#).

In family settings, violence and abuse can occur within relationships, including those with children, men, women, and the elderly - WHO Article link [\[link\]](#).

With increased emphasis on the victimization of women within partnerships researchers recognize that women are sometimes the aggressor in the relationship and with regard to their children.

Domestic violence and alcohol

Many studies suggest that the relationship between alcohol consumption and violent behavior is a strong one. Although it is not possible to establish a simple or directly definable association to alcohol consumption due to its complexity of the relationship WHO PDF link https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/44173/9789241598408_eng.pdf

A study based in Brazil found evidence that the aggressor was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the event in over 50% of the cases of domestic violence WHO Article [LINK](#)

The information includes other studies that suggest an association between alcohol consumption and violent behavior among intimate partners.

Although a few studies have suggested that alcohol consumption is responsible for the severity of violence acts rather than the increases in acts of violence. Who Articles [LINK](#)

Others have made suggestions that it could be related to both an increase in overall domestic violence and the severity of the acts, and that association between alcohol and violence is more intense with increased consumption.

An understanding of how alcohol might be related to the severity of domestic violence, you must consider both the physical effects and the social aspects that may influence alcoholic patterns and violent behaviors WHO Article [LINK](#)

Alcohol plays a factor for violent acts because it has direct effects on physical and cognitive performances. It reduces self-control which leads to more violence as well as affecting our ability to make sound judgment and the signs of danger.

It is also possible that harmful amounts of alcohol is a coping mechanism used by victims to cope with stress caused by violent situations [LINK](#)

Although strong associations seem exist between domestic violence and alcohol abuse among women, few studies have been conducted regarding the peculiarities of this association, especially in developing countries such as Brazil. Given this association, the WHO recommends measures to reduce the availability and the harmful consumption of alcohol as important strategies to prevent violence. There is some evidence on the success of brief interventions (BIs) in reducing various forms of violence, including domestic violence [1].

The virus has set the perfect condition for domestic abusers, forced families to stay home, caused great stress over contracting the disease, the stress of job security or losing your job altogether and the stand down orders for law enforcement to only go to emergency calls. And given 80% of the time abuse goes unreported anyway, its like giving criminals free rain to abuse their families.

It is a well known fact that that domestic violence grows when families spend more waking hours together. Many psychologist warned of the impending crisis the stay at home orders would cause. I guess Government was to busy playing catch up to the virus to worry about what might happen...

Studies show that abusers are much more likely to kill their family members, when in a personal crisis, like job loss and strong financial burden, are triggers to set abusers over the edge and kill.

In case you or a loved one has been abused, here are some resources listed below

You're not alone. Confidential help is available for free.

[National Sexual Assault Hotline](#)

Call 1-800-656-4673

Available 24 hours everyday

[**National Domestic Violence Hotline | Get Help Today | 1-800 ...**](#)

www.thehotline.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline can help victims, survivors of domestic violence. Call 1-800-799-7233. Chat w/ an advocate on our website.

Below is a State directory for reporting child abuse and neglect

State Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Numbers

State toll-free numbers and websites for specific agencies designated to receive and investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect.

Alabama

<https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-protective-services/child-abuse-neglect-reporting/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Alaska

Toll-Free: (800) 478-4444

Email: HSS.DBH@Alaska.gov

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/default.aspx>

To report via email: ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov

Arizona

Toll-Free: (888) SOS-CHILD (888-767-2445)

<https://dcs.az.gov/>

Arizona's Online Reporting Service for Mandated Reporters via secure website in non-emergency cases: <https://dcs.az.gov/report-child-abuse>

Arkansas

Toll-Free: (800) 482-5964

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/>

California

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/reporting/report-abuse/child-protective-services/report-child-abuse>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Colorado

Phone: 1-844-264-5437

Phone: (303) 866-5700

<https://www.colorado.gov/cdhs>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Connecticut

Toll-Free: (800) 842-2288

TDD: (800) 624-5518

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCF>

Delaware

Toll-Free: (800) 292-9582

<https://kids.delaware.gov/>

Online reporting https://kids.delaware.gov/fs/fs_iseethesigns.shtml

District of Columbia


Local (toll): (202) 671-SAFE (202-671-7233)

<https://cfsa.dc.gov/service/report-child-abuse-and-neglect>

Florida

Toll-Free: (800) 96-ABUSE (800-962-2873)

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline/>  (opens in new window)

Online Reporting <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline>  (opens in new window)

Georgia

Phone: (404) 657-3433

<https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/child-abuse-neglect>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Guam

Phone: (671) 475-2672

Phone: (671) 475-2653

Hawaii

Local (toll): (808) 832-5300

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/ssd/home/child-welfare-services/>

Idaho

Phone: (208) 334-5437

Toll-Free: (800) 926-2588

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Children/AbuseNeglect/ChildProtectionContactPhoneNumbers/tabid/475/Default.aspx>

Illinois

Toll-Free: (800) 252-2873

Local (toll): (217) 524-2606

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/safekids/reporting/Pages/index.aspx>

Mandated reporters may use the online child abuse reporting system in non-emergency situations.

Indiana

Toll-Free: (800) 800-5556

<https://www.in.gov/dcs/>

Iowa

Toll-Free: (800) 362-2178

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/home>

Kansas

Toll-Free: (800) 922-5330

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Pages/Report-Abuse-or-Neglect.aspx>

Online reporting for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/KIPS/KIPSWebIntake.asp>

Kentucky

Toll-Free: (877) 597-2331

<https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse/Home.aspx>

Louisiana

Toll-Free: (855) 452-5437

<http://dss.louisiana.gov/page/109>

Online reporting portal for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations

https://mr.dcf.la.gov/c/MR_PortalApp.app

Maine

Toll-Free: (800) 452-1999

TTY: (800) 963-9490

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/hotlines.htm>

Maryland

<http://dhr.maryland.gov/child-protective-services/reporting-suspected-child-abuse-or-neglect/local-offices/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Massachusetts

Toll-Free: (800) 792-5200

<https://www.mass.gov/child-abuse-and-neglect>

Michigan

Toll-Free: (855) 444-3911

Fax: (616) 977-1154

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119---,00.html

Mandated Reporter online reporting system coming soon

Minnesota

<https://mn.gov/dhs/report-abuse/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Mississippi

Phone: (601) 432-4570

Toll-Free: (800) 222-8000

<https://www.mdcps.ms.gov/report-child-abuse-neglect/>

<https://reportabuse.mdcps.ms.gov/>

Reporting via online system or by downloading the MDCPS Report Child Abuse mobile app

<https://www.mdcps.ms.gov/report-child-abuse-neglect/>

Missouri

Toll-Free: (800) 392-3738

<https://dss.mo.gov/cd/keeping-kids-safe/can.htm>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance. Online reporting for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations:

<https://dss.mo.gov/cd/keeping-kids-safe/can.htm>

Montana

Toll-Free: (866) 820-5437

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/index>

Nebraska

Phone: (402) 471-3121

Toll-Free: (800) 652-1999

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Abuse.aspx>

Nevada

<http://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/CPS/CPS/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

New Hampshire

Phone: (603) 271-6562

Toll-Free: (800) 894-5533

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cps/stop.htm>

New Jersey

Toll-Free: (877) 652-2873

TDD: (800) 835-5510

TTY: (800) 835-5510

<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/reporting/hotline/>

New Mexico

Toll-Free: (855) 333-7233

<https://cyfd.org/>  (opens in new window)

New York

Toll-Free: (800) 342-3720

TDD: (800) 369-2437

Local (toll): (518) 474-8740

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/Default.asp>

North Carolina

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

North Dakota

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/cps/#reporting>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Ohio

Toll-Free: (855) 642-4453

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/reportchildabuseandneglect.stm>

Oklahoma

Toll-Free: (800) 522-3511

https://www.ok.gov/health/Family_Health/Family_Support_and_Prevention_Service/Oklahoma_Child_Abuse_Hotline/index.html

Oregon

Toll-Free: (855) 503-SAFE (7233)

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/Reporting-Numbers.aspx>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Pennsylvania

Toll-Free: (800) 932-0313

TDD: (866) 872-1677

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/contact/Pages/Report-Abuse.aspx>

Online reporting portal for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>  (opens in new window)

Puerto Rico

Toll-Free: (800) 981-8333

Local (toll): (787) 749-1333

Rhode Island

Phone: (401) 528-3500

Toll-Free: (800) RI-CHILD (800-742-4453)

<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/child-protective-services/>

South Carolina

Local (toll): (803) 898-7318

<https://dss.sc.gov/abuse/neglect/report-child-abuse-and-neglect/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

South Dakota

TTY: (877) 244-0864

<https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Tennessee

Toll-Free: (877) 237-0004

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/child-safety/reporting/child-abuse.html>

Online reporting <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>

Texas

Toll-Free: (800) 252-5400

https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Contact_Us/report_abuse.asp  (opens in new window)

Online reporting <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/Default.aspx>  (opens in new window)

U.S. Virgin Islands

Virgin Islands

<http://www.dhs.gov.vi/contact/index.html>  (opens in new window)

Utah

Phone: 1-855-323-3237

<https://dcfs.utah.gov/>

Vermont

After hours: (800) 649-5285

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/protection/reporting>

Virginia

Toll-Free: (800) 552-7096

Local (toll): (804) 786-8536

<https://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/index.cgi>

Washington

Toll-Free: (866) END-HARM (866-363-4276)

Toll-Free: (800) 562-5624

TTY: (800) 624-6186

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/safety/report-abuse>

West Virginia

Toll-Free: (800) 352-6513

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/Pages/Centralized-Intake-for-Abuse-and-Neglect.aspx>

Wisconsin

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reportabuse>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Wyoming

<https://www.wyomingcac.org/prevent-child-abuse/reporting-child-abuse>  (opens in new window)

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

Its a long list be we covered all states and territories. Please call one of the number listed above if you're being abused don't wait!