



How Aware Are You?

A Quiz to Promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul compiled this quiz to enhance public awareness of the startling facts about domestic violence and promote October as Domestic Violence Awareness

1. True or False:

Verbal abuse is not a form of domestic abuse.

2. Who are the most frequent victims of domestic violence?

- a) Women
- b) Men
- c) Children
- d) None of the above, all equally

3. In 2013, approximately how many domestic violence incidents were reported to the police in Illinois?

- a) 100,000
- b) 117,000
- c) 153,000
- d) 200,000

4. Who is at the greatest risk for partner violence?

- a) Females – age 15 - 19
- b) Females – age 20 - 24
- c) Females – age 25 - 29
- d) Females – age 30 - 34

5. How many women are killed by domestic abusers each day in the United States?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

6. What percentage of homicides of women in the United States is the result of domestic violence?

- a) 10 percent
- b) 26 percent
- c) 33 percent
- d) 50 percent

7. True or False:

1.5 million high school students experience some type of dating violence

8. True or False:

Most abusers of elderly victims are family members.

9. How many days of work are missed each year by women in the United States because of domestic violence?

- a) 80,000
- b) 800,000
- c) 8 million
- d) 80 million

10. True or False:

There's nothing I can do about domestic violence.

If you are a victim or know a victim of domestic violence and are in immediate danger, call 911 or the Illinois Domestic Violence Helpline at 1-877-863-6338. Please visit the Office of the Attorney General's website at www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/women/index.html for more information.

How Aware Are You?

ANSWERS

1. False

Verbal abuse is one of many tactics abusers use to control victims. Domestic violence is a pattern of physical abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation and/or economic abuse used by one person in a relationship to control the other person.

2. a) Women

Approximately 85 percent of domestic violence victims are women and 15 percent of domestic violence victims are men, the U.S. Department of Justice reports. Children who witness domestic violence, hear the threats and insults, feel the isolation and learn to fear one of their parents also are victims.

3. b) 117,000

According to the Illinois State Police's 2012 annual crime report, Illinois residents reported 116,808 domestic violence incidents to police.

4. b) Females – age 20 - 24

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, females who are 20 – 24 years of age are at the greatest risk of non-fatal intimate partner violence.

5. c) Three

The Violence Policy Center reported that 1,706 women were killed by an intimate partner in 2012, for an average of about three a day.

6. b) 26 percent

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 26.1 percent of murders of women in 2012 were intimate partner homicides.

7. True

According to loveisrespect.org, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.

8. True

According to the Illinois Department on Aging, 77 percent of elder abusers are family members, with adult children being the most likely abusers followed by other family members and then spouses.

9. c) 8 million

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, women in the United States lose nearly eight million days of paid work each year because of violence perpetrated against them by current or former husbands, cohabitants or boyfriends.

10. False

You can make a difference by supporting programs that work to end violence against women. Among other things, you can volunteer or contribute to local shelters, hotlines and outreach agencies. You can find your local programs at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/dvsa/.