

## Male Victims of domestic and partner abuse 15 key facts

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- (1) For every three victims of partner abuse - two will be female, one will be male.
- (2) One in six (17%) men (aged 16 or over) and one in four women (30%) will suffer domestic abuse in their lifetime. This equates to c2.6 million men and c4.5 million women. 5% of men and 7% of women were victims in 2010/11, a percentage of 42% men and 58% women.
- (3) In terms of partner abuse – 3.7% of men and 5.8% of women stated they had been a victim 2010/11 with 1.0% and 1.5% of men and women stating they were a victim of severe force from their partner – 40% men and 60% women.
- (4) 44% of stalking victims in 2010/11 were male.
- (5) 21 men and 95 women were murdered by a partner/ex-partner (classified as the key suspect) in 2009/10. This equates to one man every 17 days.
- (6) The most prevalent age group for male victims is 25-34 where 3.7% of men stated they were a victim of partner abuse compared to 1.7% of 45-54 year old men. 3.6% of 16-19 year old men and 3.0% of 20-24 year old men said they had also been a victim.
- (7) Married men (1.5%) are less likely to be a victim of partner abuse than cohabiting men (3.5%) and single men (3.2%) - have a girlfriend/boyfriend but are not living with them.
- (8) The number of gay or bi-sexual men (6.2%) who suffered partner abuse in 2008/09 is nearly double the number for heterosexual (3.3%).
- (9) 20% of men who have suffered partner abuse have done so for more than one year (97,000 men).
- (10) The number of women convicted of perpetrating domestic abuse have risen five fold quadrupled in the past seven years from 806 (2004/05) to 3,965 (2010/11).
- (11) Twice as many male victims (41%) than women (19%) do not tell anyone about the domestic abuse they are suffering. – highlighting the level of underreporting.
- (12) 20% of victims of forced marriage are men.
- (13) The average male victim is 43, is 5ft 9” tall and weighs 13st. The average female perpetrator is 40, is 5ft 4” tall and weighs 10st 7”
- (14) There are 72 bed spaces in 20 refuges or safe houses available to male victims in the UK run by 10 organisations. Of these, 44 spaces also available to women victims and 18 are exclusively for gay). There are over an estimated 400 organisations with 500 refuges (with 7,500 spaces) in the UK specifically for women.

In 2010, on 17 occasions we tried to find a refuge or safe house place for a male victim but found that the few places available were all full.

The biggest problem though is that there are no places at all available in a man's local community. On at least 120 occasions in 2010 a caller decided not to consider a refuge or safe house because they were too far away and would mean having to completely uproot their lives.

- (15) The number of calls to the ManKind Initiative's helpline from victims or people (normally mothers or sisters) calling on behalf of victims increased by 35% between 2010 and 2009

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