

# October is Domestic Violence *Action* Month

So, let's take some action!

## “PURPLE TUESDAYS”

Each year, advocates, survivors, and supporters recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). For too long, domestic violence was considered a “family issue” left for families to address in private. Today, prevention and safety require each of us to **learn more, talk more, and do more.**

Please join the Snohomish County Treasurer's Office in wearing purple every Tuesday during the month of October in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, domestic violence has become a pandemic within a pandemic; many victims now face the added pressures of increased economic insecurity, prolonged isolation with their abusers, and limited contact with support networks.

Please review more DV facts (on back) to **learn more**, then be sure to **talk more**, and visit <https://dvs-snoco.org/support-us> to learn how you can **do more**.

**If someone you love is in an unsafe relationship, please call to learn how you can help.**

DVS of Snohomish County @ 425-252-2873 (24 hr support line)

DVS of Snohomish County @ 425-259-2827 (legal advocates)

Statewide hotline @ 1-800-562-6025



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>1</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.<sup>2</sup>
- An abuser's access to a firearm increases the risk of intimate partner homicide by 400%.<sup>3</sup>
- Only 19% of intimate partner violence involves a weapon.<sup>4</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>5</sup>
- An estimated 28.3% of Washingtonian women will face stalking victimization in their lifetime.<sup>6</sup>
- Intimate partner violence is most common against women between the ages of 18-24.<sup>7</sup>
- Between 2003 and 2008, 142 women were murdered in their workplace by former or current intimate partners (22% of workplace homicides among women).<sup>8</sup>
- Children who witness domestic violence or are victims of abuse themselves are at serious risk for long-term physical and mental health problems.<sup>9</sup>

**Learn more at <https://wscadv.org>**

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<sup>2</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). 2014 domestic violence counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services. Retrieved from [http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14\\_NatlSummary\\_Color-2.pdf](http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlSummary_Color-2.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Campbell, J.C., Webster, D., Koziol-McLain, J., Block, C., Campbell, D., Curry, M. A., Gary, F., Glass, N., McFarlane, J., Sachs, C., Sharps, P., Ulrich, Y., Wilt, S., Manganello, J., Xu, X., Schollenberger, J., Frye, V. & Lauphon, K. (2003). Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: Results from a multisite case control study. *American Journal of Public Health*, 93(7), 1089-1097.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Violence Policy Center (2012). *American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2010). The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state\\_tables\\_73.html](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state_tables_73.html).

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<sup>9</sup> Gilbert, L.K., Breiding, M.J., Merrick, M.T., Parks, S.E., Thompson, W.W., Dhingra, S.S., Ford, D.C. (2015). Childhood Adversity and Adult Chronic Disease: An update from ten states and the District of Columbia, 2010. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*; 48(3): 345-349.