

Domestic Violence Myths and Facts

MYTHS

Domestic violence doesn't happen in college.

If they don't leave, it must not be that serious.

It only happens in long-term or married relationships.

Abuse is always loud, angry and obvious.

It's easy to spot an abuser or victim.

FACTS

College-aged individuals (18-24) are at a high risk for experiencing domestic violence, even if they don't live with their partner.

Leaving an abusive relationship can be extremely dangerous. Survivors often stay because of fear, isolation, love or lack of support.

Domestic violence can occur in dating relationships, among roommates, or family members.

Many forms of abuse are subtle and manipulative, including gaslighting, isolation and financial control.

Abuse can happen to anyone, and people causing harm often appear charming, or well-liked to others.

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