

MALE VICTIMS OF PARTNER ABUSE

Although there is a substantial research literature addressing abuse against women and its consequences, the flip side of this issue, partner abuse against men and its consequences, is a less researched area. It is suggested that the prevalence of male victims of partner abuse is under reported due to the stigma and embarrassment men feel as victims. Although the exact rate of this abuse is open to debate, there are enough male victims of violence by their partners to warrant attention to the consequences of that violence. While current research indicates that women are injured more seriously and more often this does not mean that the male victims of intimate violence should be ignored. Men can be victims of physical abuse in their intimate relationships with women. It is recognized that abused men tend to suffer injuries, depression, anxiety, and psychosomatic symptoms in response to their victimization.

SERVICES:

1. Ontario Works – Crisis Housing
2. Crisis Intervention - QHC
3. Mental Health Services

For More Information on Male Victims, See:

Male Abuse: National Clearing House on Family Violence
www.phac-aspclgc.ca

Intimate Partner Abuse Against Men
www.phac-aspc.gc.ca