

Dating Violence on College Campuses: Statistics

In a recent national study, 29% of women and 19% of men attending college said that they had been in an abusive relationship. In addition, approximately 43% of college women and 28% of college men reported experiencing abusive and violent dating behaviors:

- 31% of women and 22% of men were victims of controlling behavior.
- 22% of women and 11% of men were victims of verbal abuse.
- 16% of women and 16% of men were victims of abuse via technology.
- 22% of women and 6% of men were victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or threats of physical violence.
- 11% of women and 6% of men were pressured into drinking alcohol and using drugs.

There are many reasons college students continue to stay in abusive dating relationships. Of students who experienced relationship abuse:

- 24% said their partner threatened suicide and/or self-harm if they left them.
- 20% said they were afraid of losing friends they shared with their partner.
- 12% said they were financially dependent on their partner.
- 7% said that their partner paid for food and living expenses.
- 6% said their partner threatened to tell family or friends about their relationship.

Knowledge Networks (2011). *College Dating Violence and Abuse Poll*.

National Statistics on Intimate Partner Violence

A recent national survey conducted by the CDC indicated that 35.6% of women and 28.5% of men in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner.

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2011). *The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 Summary Report*.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or dating violence and would like to receive confidential victim services, or if you would like to learn more about domestic and dating violence, please contact:

UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program

Humanities & Social Sciences Building
1st Floor, Room 103
Phone: 735-2890
Email: vawpp@triton.uog.edu
Website: www.uog.edu/vawpp

To request an escort from the Campus Security Safe Ride/Safe Walk program, please contact:

UOG Safety and Security Office

Dorm 1, 1st floor, Room 1
Security Guard on Duty: 888-2456
Safety and Security Office: 735-2370/0332

For after-hours confidential assistance, please contact:
Guam Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO)
24-hour hotline: 477-5552

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

For more information, visit:

National Network to End Domestic Violence
www.nnedv.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.ncadv.org

Love is Respect
www.loveisrespect.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
www.thehotline.org
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

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Domestic and Dating Violence

A Resource Guide for UOG Students



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What are domestic and dating violence?

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that is used by an intimate partner to gain or maintain power and control over the other intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

Dating Violence

Dating violence is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Similar to domestic violence, dating violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that is used by an intimate partner to gain or maintain power and control over the other intimate partner.

Domestic Violence Does Not Discriminate

Domestic and dating violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. Domestic and dating violence affect people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Domestic and dating violence occur in both opposite-sex and same-sex relationships and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, or dating.

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Domestic and dating violence are crimes.

Domestic and dating violence are considered “family violence” under Guam law. In Guam, any person who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly commits an act of family violence is guilty of a misdemeanor, or of a third degree felony. Family violence means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts by a family or household member, but does not include acts of self-defense or defense of others:

- Attempting to cause or causing bodily injury to another family or household member;
- Placing a family or household member in fear of bodily injury.

Guam Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 30 - Family Violence

If you are a victim of domestic or dating violence...

Find a safe place. If your home is not a safe place, consider staying with a family member or friend, or at a shelter for victims of domestic and dating violence, such as Alee Shelter (648-4673).

Call the police. If you feel you are in danger at any time, call 911 for protection and assistance.

Get medical help. If you have been hurt, go to the hospital or see a doctor as soon as possible. You can ask a family member or friend to accompany you. If you would like to be accompanied by an advocate, call the UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program or Victim Advocates Reaching Out (477-5552).

Seek professional assistance. There are professionals at UOG and in the community who can help you identify, respond to, and cope with domestic or dating violence. They can also assist with safety planning, protective orders, and prosecution of the case. Contact the UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program for more information on victim services, campus resources, and community referrals.

Get support from family and friends. It is important to get support by talking to family members or trusted friends about what you are going through.

Decide when to leave. If you are considering leaving your relationship, trust your judgment about when would be the best time to leave. Know that the process of leaving a violent partner is not easy and may be very dangerous. Seek assistance from the police or other professionals if you think you might be in danger.

Make a safety plan. A safety plan is a personalized strategy for protecting yourself from domestic or dating violence. Safety plans focus on ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship, while planning to leave, or after you leave, and should include an escape plan as well as practical steps to improve your home and personal security. It is best to develop your plan with an advocate or other trusted individual. For assistance in assessing your situation and creating a personalized safety plan, call the UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program.

Obtain a Protective Order. If you would like to obtain civil legal protection to stop domestic or dating violence, you can file for a Protective Order with the court. The court can issue an order to protect the victim from abuse where the parties have been in an intimate partner relationship. “Abuse” is defined as causing or attempting to cause physical injury or threatening to cause injury. The order usually includes a stay-away order and may provide for temporary and permanent arrangements regarding custody and visitation of the parties’ minor children. If you would like assistance with filing for a Protective Order, UOG’s Violence Against Women Prevention Program can connect you with Guam Legal Services Corporation - Disability Law Center (477-9811) where you may be eligible to receive free legal assistance.

What VAWPP can do for you

If you are a victim of domestic or dating violence, UOG’s Violence Against Women Prevention Program can provide information, resources, and confidential victim services, including:

- Advocacy and counseling
- Risk assessment and safety planning
- Assistance obtaining academic and/or student housing accommodations
- Advisement on legal options
- Assistance reporting to campus security and/or the Guam Police Department
- Assistance reporting to EEO/ADA & Title IX Office and/or the Student Discipline and Appeals Committee
- Assistance obtaining protective orders
- Referrals to victim advocacy organizations in the community

UOG Safe Ride/Safe Walk Program

UOG’s Campus Security Safe Ride/Safe Walk Program provides free driving and walking accompaniment from one on-campus location to another, including vehicles parked on campus, for all University of Guam students, employees, and visitors who may feel unsafe walking alone on campus at night. This service is available from dusk to dawn, seven days a week, 365 days per year.