Take charge of your health today. Be informed. Be involved. Domestic Violence

Are you a victim of intimate partner violence?

Intimate partner violence (IPV)—maybe a loved one experienced it. Your best friend. Your neighbor. Maybe you've lived with it. According to this distressing statistic, one in three women has experienced IPV. Anyone can experience it, regardless of age, sex, income, background, religion, education or any other factors. It can include: emotional abuse, stalking, name-calling or limiting the family's access to resources. There is help. If you have any questions about the information on this page, please call 1-800-799-7273 or visit www.th hotline.org.

Intimate partner violence is not something that only affects women. This violence affects all of us. We have come together as a community to stop this violence and support people in their efforts to be free from violence. More than 150 organizations have come together to help end IPV. We need your help to stop violence against women and girls. To find out more about the services that are available, contact the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, located at 1407 haymarket Ave., www.wcsp.org or call 1-800-656-4673.

Intimate partner violence is a violation of a woman's human rights. It is a form of gender-based violence that is defined as any physical, sexual or emotional harm or threat of harm by a current or former partner or cohabiting romantic relationship. IPV can include: physical violence—hitting, pushing, grabbing, slapping; emotional abuse—hurting someone's feelings and self-worth; sexual violence—any advances toward a person who is not willing; financial abuse—controlling money, belongings or the decision about how to spend money; stalking; name-calling or limiting the family's access to resources. We're raising awareness about what violence in relationships can mean. It is important to remember that violence in relationships is not a private issue. It is everyone's business.