

Quarantining in Unsafe Homes During Covid-19

Disproportionate numbers of black women experience domestic violence in their homes. This affects women, children, men, families, and the black community at large.

Safe at home?

Not really. Black women are at an increased risk of domestic violence when they are isolated with their abuser.

Any victim has fewer safe places when work or school closes.



Join the Fight to End Domestic Violence

Support non-profit organizations, shelters, and advocacy groups like the National Network to End Domestic Violence.



Arresting circumstances

Black women are likely to be criminalized when making a domestic violence call to the police.



'Ride or Die' cultural affinity to protect black men from mass incarceration leads to underreporting of domestic violence in black communities.

Domestic violence has highest death rate for black women 15-35

85% of domestic violence victims are women. Black women are 8% of the US population, but 22% of homicides from domestic violence.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, black women are more likely to die from mandatory shelter in place orders than the novel coronavirus.

Whispers and Text Messages

Experts speculate that the number of unreported incidents increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Women call DV hotlines and whisper, or send text message for help, rather than call within ear range of their abusers.



Hotlines and Digital Toolkits

Provide support for hotlines and digital toolkits. Online resources can save lives and provide vital information that victims can access on their cell phones.

Keep your cell phone charged and go to the National Network to End Domestic Violence for more information and tools.



Read the Report

The Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at Howard University School of Law partnered with Harvard Law's Criminal Justice Policy Program (CJPP) and Law for Black Lives, DC to create a report to highlight the need for a color conscious response to COVID-19.



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