

## **What about male victims?**

As we have been discussing, much of what we know about domestic violence has emerged out of 30 years of research into woman abuse. The Department of Justice in South Africa has estimated that one in four women have been subjected to domestic violence. We know that men also experience domestic violence, but we don't have research to tell us how often this happens. There is less known about how men experience domestic violence because their situations generally do not come to the attention of police, require hospitalization or end in murder. Also, some people have suggested that men might be even more reluctant than women to come forward and report they're experiencing violence. Research is needed to better understand men's experience and how it differs from, or is similar to, that of women.

When men do come forward and disclose domestic violence, they deserve the same support that women do.