

How common is it?

Very few people who experience domestic violence report it to the police. Recent statistics show that only 18% of women who experienced partner abuse in the past year reported the abuse to the police. Even with these low rates of reporting on average the police in England and Wales receive over 100 calls relating to domestic abuse every hour.

There are a number of mistaken ideas about domestic violence, including, only poor women get beaten, or that battered women ask for it.

In fact, violence within the home can happen to anybody!