

Prevention of Violence Towards Women & Children

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Samples

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| Men: | 1769 | 77% | 2.36% |
| Women: | 977 | 70% | 5.21% |
| Wives: | 462 | 70% | 1.26% |

Fact Sheet

Contact with Family Violence

- 70% of employees know at least one abusive man and at least one abused woman.
- 20-25% of employees know more than 10 abusive men and more than 10 abused women.
- 50% of employees know at least one man and one woman who abuse their children.

Definitions of Violence

- 14-21% did not define any of the behaviours as abusive.
- 7-16% did not define any as violent.

Past Experience of Abuse

- 37% of female employees.
- 30% of military wives.
- 28% of male employees.

Current Experience of Abuse

- 17% of female employees.
- 27% of military wives.
- 28% of male employees

Current Abuse of Children by Self

- 10% of female employees.
- 14% of military wives.
- 8% of male employees.

Abuse of Children by Partner

- 13% of female employees.
- 22% of military wives.
- 10% of male employees.

Coincidence of Family Violence

- Men who abuse their partners are 24 times more likely to abuse their children.
- Women who are being abused are 10-15 times more likely to report that their partners are abusing their children.
- Women who are being abused are 10 times more likely to abuse their children.
- A child who is being abused by one parent is 8-14 times more likely to be abused by the other parent.
- In half the families where a woman is being abused, a child is also being abused.

Patriarchal Beliefs

- Men are better than women - 25%
- Men should be in charge of women - 37%
- Wives should do what their husbands tell them to do - 41%
- It is natural for men to have control over women - 54%
- What men do in their own homes is no-one else's business - 41%
- Men must do whatever they need to do to ensure that their wives behave properly - 40%

Disciplinary Steps

- 65-7% of female employees & wives.
- 39% of male employees.

Assistance with Legal Action

- 64-6% of female employees & wives
- 39% of male employees

Establish Safe Houses

- 82-7% of female employees & wives.
- 69% of male employees.

No Tolerance of Violence

- 92-95% of female employees & wives.
- 83% of male employees.

Respect for Women in Workplace

- 91-92% of female employees & wives.
- 76% of male employees.

No Prevention Necessary

- 10-14% of respondents

Main 'Causes' of Violence

- Women were unfaithful.
- Men were drunk.
- Men were jealous.

Discussion Points

Guiding Framework

- 43. Safety, well-being and stability for children & families.
- 44. Multiprofessional team work.

Prevention of Family Violence

- 45. Multi-tiered prevention programmes.
- 46. Multidimensional prevention strategies.

Service Provision

- 47. Community service system with multiple entry points.
- 48. Improving agency capacity.
- 49. Enhance service provider practice.
- 50. Interventions with perpetrators.
- 51. Mandatory treatment.
- 52. Shelters or safe houses.
- 53. Legal interventions and support.
- 54. Liaison with community resources.

Research & Evaluation

- 55. Scientifically grounded programmes.
- 56. Programme evaluation.

Training Requirements

- 57. Fair and capable services to children and families of diverse backgrounds.
- 58. Cross-training.

Resource Allocation

- 59. Significant additional resources.

Success Indicators

- 60. Community resource indicators.