

## **Sexual and Relationship Violence Statistics**

- As many as 53% of college students have experienced at least one incident of dating violence (Worth, Matthews & Coleman, 1990).
- In a study of dating violence, 25% of college men surveyed admitted to slapping, pushing, or restraining a female partner (Hannan & Burkhart, 1993).
- The Department of Justice found that women ages 16 – 24 are the most likely victims of intimate partner violence (US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Statistics, October 2001).
- As many as 1 in 5 couples in the United States experience at least 1 episode of partner-to-partner violence.
- Women are more likely than men to be repeatedly abused, injured, or die as a result of partner violence.
- Women are more willing to disclose violent episodes than men. Women who are assaulted are 9 times more likely than men to report it to the police and 5 times more likely to tell a friend or relative.
- 35-50% of victims of intimate partner violence are male.
- It is estimated that in this country a woman is severely assaulted by her male partner every 15 seconds, and a man is severely assaulted by his female partner every 14.6 seconds.
- About 8-10% of male-to-female partner violence is reported, while only 1-2% of female-to-male partner violence is reported.
- A woman is nearly twice as likely to use an object when she assaults a male partner which can increase the level of potential injury.