

CSI Take BACK the Night

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The health-related costs of **rape, physical assault, stalking and homicide** committed by intimate partners exceed **\$5.8 billion each year.**

What is the human cost?

Homicide is the leading cause of death Overall for pregnant women. Pregnant and recently pregnant women are more likely to be victims of homicide than to die of any other cause. (Nannini, Weiss, Goldstein & Fogarty, Summer 2002.)

Men are roughly **eleven times** less likely than women to experience "being **forced sexual**" over their lifetime

As many as **324,000 women** each year experience **intimate partner violence** during their **pregnancy**

Seventy-eight percent of stalking victims are women. Women are significantly more likely than men (60 percent and 30 percent, respectively) to be stalked by intimate partners. (Center for Policy Research, Stalking in America, July 1997)

Women are often told to be **extra careful** and take **precautions** when going out at **night**. In some parts of the world, even **today**, women are **not allowed out at night**

There are nearly **three times** as **many animal** shelters in the United States as there are shelters for **battered women and their children**

Around the world, at least one in every three women has been **beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime.** (Heise, L. Ellsberg, M. and Gottmoeller, M. Ending Violence Against Women Population Reports, Series L, No. 11, December 1999)

Rapes/sexual assaults committed by strangers are more likely to be reported to the police than rapes/sexual assaults committed by "non strangers," including intimate partners, other relatives and friends or acquaintances