



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACT SHEET SEPTEMBER 2005

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During the last four years (9/18/2001 through 9/18/2005), major domestic violence crimes decreased by 38%.

During the last four years (9/18/2001 through 9/18/2005), family related homicides declined by 34%.

FAMILY RELATED HOMICIDES*

There have been 44 family related homicides in 2005 as of 9/26/05.

- 13 victims were killed in Brooklyn.
- 13 victims were killed in the Bronx.
- 8 victims were killed in Queens.
- 8 victims were killed in Manhattan.
- 2 victims were killed in Staten Island.
- This is a 14% decrease from last year at this time.

There were 67 family related homicides in 2004.

- 24 victims were killed in Brooklyn.
- 18 victims were killed in the Bronx.
- 13 victims were killed in Queens.
- 10 victims were killed in Manhattan.
- 2 victims were killed in Staten Island.
- 66% of these cases had no known prior police contact.
- 84% of these victims had no current Order of Protection.

*Data is preliminary and subject to further revision by NYPD. Family related homicide includes intimate partner homicide as well as homicide committed by other family members and includes children who were killed as a result of family violence.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY SHELTER*

There are 1,955 domestic violence emergency shelter beds citywide, a 35% increase since FY 2001.

*Statistics from the Fiscal 2005 Mayor's Management Report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS TO CITY HOTLINE NUMBER 1-800-621-HOPE*

80,298 calls were answered as of 8/31/05.

Over 400 calls a day on average in 2004: 155,375 calls were answered; 8% of callers requested shelter.
147,169 calls were answered in 2003; 8% of callers requested shelter.

* Statistics provided by Safe Horizon.

TEEN ABUSE*

8,467 teen calls were received by the City Domestic Violence Hotline as of 8/31/05.

18,282 teen calls were received by the City Domestic Violence Hotline in 2004, a 36% increase from 2003.

* Statistics provided by Safe Horizon.

PROJECT H.E.A.L. (Hospital Emergency Assistance Link)

Domestic Violence Coordinators at all 11 City public hospitals are available to assist victims and connect them with social and legal services.

Digital cameras are available to document injuries.

Victims can complete a petition for a Family Court Order of Protection before leaving the hospital.

At monthly legal clinics, victims can obtain legal assistance with housing, immigration and family law issues.

LANGUAGE LINE PROGRAM*

More than 1,000 calls in more than 30 different languages were made since March 2004.

All NYC police precincts have direct, instant access to language interpreters in over 150 languages 24 hours a day.

Victims who do not speak English can now tell their stories to the police and get the help they need.

* Statistics provided by the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call NYC's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-621-HOPE(4673) TTY: 1-800-810-7444 or 3-1-1 for general City services information.

Callers can receive immediate assistance including crisis counseling, safety planning and referrals.