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## Corona Virus And the Rise in Domestic Violence

### ***Corona Virus Epidemic***

*Covid-19 News and Events*

*Domestic Violence*

All research information and facts are from the US National Library of Medicine and the W.H.O articles on Domestic Violence

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4582621/>

***The Rise in Domestic Violence - Side effects of Sheltering in Place***

***Worldwide Domestic Abuse: Covid-19 Side effects on Humanity...***

### ***Domestic Violence in the age of Covid-19***

Amid all the chaos of the Pandemic, there has been an outbreak of another kind, its Domestic Violence and it has hit an all time high.

Spousal abuse, child violence and abuse and just about any other domestic crime is on the rise.

Put in to the mix a global pandemic, then add stay at home orders, along with social distancing and a tad of stir crazy.

Its enough to stress out anyone, and it has. Stress leads to vices like drinking and drug use, which inturn leads to more violence.

Human behavior is a fragile thing, and it does not take a lot to throw someone over the edge, many alcoholics and drug users speak of how their lives were going great and before they new it, they were hooked on some form of drug or alcohol use.

Just the stress from our daily lives, our jobs, is enough to cause many to drink on a regular basis.

We will mainly focus on alcohol and alcoholism for this article, as most of the domestic abuse is from the middle age demographic as most do not do illegal drugs, the illegal drugs demographic is average age 25 but varies from mid teens to 30's and beyond.

Alcohol plays a big part in domestic violence, studies show men are 3 time more likely to abuse their wives and children while intoxicated.

According to the WHO Domestic violence is defined as “every act or omission committed by some family member in a position of power, regardless of where it occurs, which harms the well-being, physical or psychological integrity, or freedom and right to full development of another family member”

The WHO states that violent acts can be classified based on their type, including acts of physical and psychological abuse as well as sexual violence.

They can also be expressed as any form of neglect and abandonment- [WHO Article Link](#) . In family settings, violence and abuse can occur within relationships, including those with children, men, women, and the elderly - WHO Article link [link].

With increased emphasis on the victimization of women within partnerships researchers recognize that women are sometimes the aggressor in the relationship and with regard to their children.

Domestic violence and alcohol Many studies suggest that the relationship between alcohol consumption and violent behavior is a strong one.

Although it is not possible to establish a simple or directly definable association to alcohol consumption due to its complexity of the relationship

WHO PDF

link [https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/44173/9789241598408\\_eng.pdf](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/44173/9789241598408_eng.pdf)

A study based in Brazil found evidence that the aggressor was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the event in over 50% of the cases of domestic violence.

The information includes other studies that suggest an association between alcohol consumption and violent behavior among intimate partners.

Although a few studies have suggested that alcohol consumption is responsible for the severity of violence acts rather than the increases in acts of violence.

Others have made suggestions that it could be related to both an increase in overall domestic violence and the severity of the acts, and that association between alcohol and violence is more intense with increased consumption.

An understanding of how alcohol might be related to the severity of domestic violence, you must consider both the physical effects and the social aspects that may influence alcoholic patterns and violent behavior.

Alcohol plays a factor for violent acts because it has direct effects on physical and cognitive performances. It reduces self-control which leads to more violence as well as affecting our ability to make sound judgment and the signs of danger.

It is also possible that harmful amounts of alcohol is a coping mechanism used by victims to cope with stress caused by violent situations.

Although strong associations seem exist between domestic violence and alcohol abuse among women, few studies have been conducted regarding the peculiarities of this association, especially in developing countries such as Brazil.

Given this association, the WHO recommends measures to reduce the availability and the harmful consumption of alcohol as important strategies to prevent violence.

There is some evidence on the success of brief interventions (BIs) in reducing various forms of violence, including domestic violence [1]. The virus has set the perfect condition for domestic abusers, forced families to stay home, caused great stress over contracting the disease, the stress of job security or losing your job altogether and the stand down orders for law enforcement to only go to emergency calls.

And given 80% of the time abuse goes unreported anyway, it's like giving criminals free rein to abuse their families. It is a well-known fact that that domestic violence grows when families spend more waking hours together.

Many psychologists warned of the impending crisis the stay-at-home orders would cause. I guess Government was too busy playing catch up to the virus to worry about what might happen...

Studies show that abusers are much more likely to kill their family members, when in a personal crisis, like job loss and strong financial burden, are triggers to set abusers over the edge and kill.

In case you or a loved one has been abused, here are some resources listed below You're not alone. Confidential help is available for free. National Sexual Assault Hotline Call 1-800-656-4673 Available 24 hours every day National Domestic Violence Hotline | Get Help Today | 1-800 ... [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) National Domestic Violence

Hotline can help victims, survivors of domestic violence. Call 1-800-799-7233.

***Below is a State directory for reporting child abuse and neglect State***

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Numbers, State toll-free numbers and websites for specific agencies designated to receive and investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect.

**Alabama** <https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-protective-services/child-abuse-neglect-reporting/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Alaska** Toll-Free: (800) 478-4444

Email:

[HSS.DBH@Alaska.gov](mailto:HSS.DBH@Alaska.gov) <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/default.aspx>

To report via email: [ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov](mailto:ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov)

**Arizona** Toll-Free: (888) SOS-CHILD (888-767-2445) <https://dcs.az.gov/> Arizona's Online Reporting Service for Mandated Reporters via secure website in non-emergency cases: <https://dcs.az.gov/report-child-abuse>

**Arkansas** Toll-Free: (800) 482-5964 <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/>

**California** <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/reporting/report-abuse/child-protective-services/report-child-abuse>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Colorado** Phone: 1-844-264-5437 Phone: (303) 866-5700 <https://www.colorado.gov/cdhs>

Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Connecticut** Toll-Free: (800) 842-2288 TDD: (800) 624-5518 <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF>

**Delaware** Toll-Free: (800) 292-9582 <https://kids.delaware.gov/> Online reporting [https://kids.delaware.gov/fs/fs\\_iseethesigns.shtml](https://kids.delaware.gov/fs/fs_iseethesigns.shtml)

District of Columbia Local (toll): (202) 671-SAFE (202-671-

7233) <https://cfsa.dc.gov/service/report-child-abuse-and-neglect>

**Florida** Toll-Free: (800) 96-ABUSE (800-962-2873) <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline/> external link(opens in new window) Online Reporting <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline>

**Georgia** Phone: (404) 657-3433 <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/child-abuse-neglect> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance. Guam Phone: (671) 475-2672 Phone: (671) 475-2653

**Hawaii** Local (toll): (808) 832-5300 <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/ssd/home/child-welfare-services/> Idaho Phone: (208) 334-5437 Toll-Free: (800) 926-2588 <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Children/AbuseNeglect/ChildProtectionContactPhoneNumbers/tabid/475/Default.aspx>

**Illinois** Toll-Free: (800) 252-2873 Local (toll): (217) 524-2606 <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/safekids/reporting/Pages/index.aspx> Mandated reporters may use the online child abuse reporting system in non-emergency situations.

**Indiana** Toll-Free: (800) 800-5556 <https://www.in.gov/dcs/> Iowa Toll-Free: (800) 362-2178 <https://dhs.iowa.gov/home>

**Kansas** Toll-Free: (800) 922-5330 <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Pages/Report-Abuse-or-Neglect.aspx> Online reporting for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/KIPS/KIPSWebIntake.asp>

**Kentucky** Toll-Free: (877) 597-2331 <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/ReportAbuse/Home.aspx>

**Louisiana** Toll-Free: (855) 452-5437 <http://dss.louisiana.gov/page/109> Online reporting portal for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations [https://mr.dcf.la.gov/c/MR\\_PortalApp.app](https://mr.dcf.la.gov/c/MR_PortalApp.app) Maine Toll-Free: (800) 452-1999 TTY: (800) 963-9490 <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/hotlines.htm>

**Maryland** <http://dhr.maryland.gov/child-protective-services/reporting-suspected-child-abuse-or-neglect/local-offices/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Massachusetts** Toll-Free: (800) 792-5200 <https://www.mass.gov/child-abuse-and-neglect>

**Michigan** Toll-Free: (855) 444-3911 Fax: (616) 977-1154 Michigan  
[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971\\_7119---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_7119---,00.html)  
Mandated Reporter online reporting system coming soon

**Minnesota** <https://mn.gov/dhs/report-abuse/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Mississippi** Phone: (601) 432-4570 Toll-Free: (800) 222-8000  
<https://www.mdcps.ms.gov/report-child-abuse-neglect/>  
<https://reportabuse.mdcps.ms.gov/> Reporting via online system or by downloading the MDCPS Report Child Abuse mobile app <https://www.mdcps.ms.gov/report-child-abuse-neglect/>

**Missouri** Toll-Free: (800) 392-3738 <https://dss.mo.gov/cd/keeping-kids-safe/can.htm> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance. Online reporting for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations: <https://dss.mo.gov/cd/keeping-kids-safe/can.htm>

**Montana** Toll-Free: (866) 820-5437 <https://dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/index> Nebraska Phone: (402) 471-3121 Toll-Free: (800) 652-1999 <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Abuse.aspx> Nevada <http://dcfs.nv.gov/Programs/CWS/CPS/CPS/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**New Hampshire** Phone: (603) 271-6562 Toll-Free: (800) 894-5533  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cps/stop.htm> New Jersey Toll-Free: (877) 652-2873  
TDD: (800) 835-5510 TTY: (800) 835-5510  
<https://www.nj.gov/dcf/reporting/hotline/>

**New Mexico** Toll-Free: (855) 333-7233 <https://cyfd.org/>

**New York** Toll-Free: (800) 342-3720 TDD: (800) 369-2437 Local (toll): (518) 474-8740 <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/Default.asp> North Carolina <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**North Dakota** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/cps/#reporting> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance. Ohio Toll-Free: (855) 642-4453 <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/reportchildabuseandneglect.stm>

**Oklahoma** Toll-Free: (800) 522-3511 [https://www.ok.gov/health/Family\\_Health/Family\\_Support\\_and\\_Prevention\\_Service/Oklahoma\\_Child\\_Abuse\\_Hotline/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/health/Family_Health/Family_Support_and_Prevention_Service/Oklahoma_Child_Abuse_Hotline/index.html)

**Oregon** Toll-Free: (855) 503-SAFE (7233) <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/child-abuse/Pages/Reporting-Numbers.aspx> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Pennsylvania** Toll-Free: (800) 932-0313 TDD: (866) 872-1677 <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/contact/Pages/Report-Abuse.aspx> Online reporting portal for mandated reporters in non-emergency situations <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/homeexternal> link(opens in new window)

**Puerto Rico** Toll-Free: (800) 981-8333 Local (toll): (787) 749-1333 Rhode Island Phone: (401) 528-3500 Toll-Free: (800) RI-CHILD (800-742-4453) <http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/child-protective-services/>

**South Carolina** Local (toll): (803) 898-7318 <https://dss.sc.gov/abuseandneglect/report-child-abuse-and-neglect/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.



**South Dakota** TTY: (877) 244-0864 <https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/> Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Tennessee** Toll-Free: (877) 237-0004 <https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/child-safety/reporting/child-abuse.html> Online reporting <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>

**Texas** Toll-Free: (800) 252-5400 [https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Contact\\_Us/report\\_abuse.asp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Contact_Us/report_abuse.asp) Online reporting <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/Default.aspx>

### **U.S. Virgin Islands** *Virgin*

**Islands** <http://www.dhs.gov.vi/contact/index.html>

**Utah** Phone: 1-855-323-3237 <https://dcfs.utah.gov/>

**Vermont** After hours: (800) 649-5285 <https://dcf.vermont.gov/protection/reporting>

**Virginia** Toll-Free: (800) 552-7096 Local (toll): (804) 786-8536 <https://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/index.cgi>

**Washington** Toll-Free: (866) END-HARM (866-363-4276) Toll-Free: (800) 562-5624 TTY: (800) 624-6186 <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/safety/report-abuse>

**West Virginia** Toll-Free: (800) 352-6513 <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/Pages/Centralized-Intake-for-Abuse-and-Neglect.aspx>

**Wisconsin** <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reportabuse>  
Click on the website above for information on reporting or call Childhelp (800-422-4453) for assistance.

**Wyoming** <https://www.wyomingcac.org/prevent-child-abuse/reporting-child-abuse>

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*Its a long list be we covered most states and territories. Please call one of the numbers listed above if you're being abused don't wait!*

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