

# Key facts relating to domestic violence and abuse in the UK

The Home Office describes domestic violence and abuse as “any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality”.

Below are some key facts which relate to victims of domestic violence and abuse:



- 2.1 million people suffer some form of domestic violence and/or abuse in England and Wales every year



- Someone contacts the police every 30 seconds in relation to domestic violence and/or abuse



- On average, victims seek help 5 times from professionals before getting the help they need for the domestic violence and/or abuse to stop



- On average, high risk victims live with domestic violence and/or abuse for 2.6 years before seeking help



- 23% of high risk victims attend A&E as a result of their injuries in the year before they get help