



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACT SHEET DECEMBER 2005

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During the last four years (1/1/2002 through 12/31/2005), major domestic violence felony crimes decreased by 21%.

During the last four years (1/1/2002 through 12/31/2005), family related homicides declined by 11%.

FAMILY RELATED HOMICIDES*

There were 68 family related homicides in 2005.

- 23 victims were killed in the Bronx.
- 19 victims were killed in Brooklyn.
- 12 victims were killed in Manhattan.
- 10 victims were killed in Queens.
- 4 victims were killed in Staten Island.
- This is a 1.5% increase from last year.
- 66% of these cases had no known prior police contact.
- 97% of these cases had no current Order of Protection.

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 1,995 domestic violence emergency shelter beds citywide, a 30% increase since January 2002.

*Statistics provided by Human Resources Administration.

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

124,515 calls were answered in 2005; over 340 calls were answered per day on average.

Over 400 calls per 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*

12,645 teen calls were received by the City Domestic Violence Hotline in 2005; 18,282 teen calls were received in 2004.

* Statistics provided by Safe Horizon.

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

More than 2,200 patients have disclosed domestic violence and have spoken to social workers this year. 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 2,300 calls in more than 38 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, so 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.