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Nevada's Top Ranking for Men Murdering Women Spotlights Urgency for Domestic Violence Awareness

In 2008, Nevada Tops National List for Women Killed by Men; 83 Percent Knew Perpetrators

Reno, NV—October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time when experts and those who work with victims of domestic violence are planning events that educate the public, inspire action, and inform victims of the help and services that are available as they seek violence-free lives.

These activities are particularly important in Nevada, where in 2008 the state had the highest rate of females being murdered by males, with 2.96 murders per 100,000, according to the study *When Men Murder Women*, recently released by the [Violence Policy Center](#) in Washington, D.C. That is almost double the national rate and also reflects that a majority of victims were wives, girlfriends, ex-wives, and common-law partners of the perpetrators.

The statistics are staggering. With 38 females murdered by males during 2008, Nevada continues among the top five states with the highest number of females murdered by males in single victim/single offender incidents. Nationally, on an average day, three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends, according to statistics by the [Family Violence Prevention Fund](#).

“These findings are a grim reminder that domestic violence can escalate to homicide. More resources need to be made available to protect women and prevent such tragedies,” says Sue Meuschke, Executive Director of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV).

“This October, domestic violence experts and service providers across our state are coming together to help end abuse and to speak out against domestic and sexual violence.”

While the activities are varied, the goals are the same: to raise awareness about the prevalence and cost of domestic and sexual violence, the need for prevention, and the services that are available to victims and their families. Find out what is happening in your community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month on the Network’s website at www.nnadv.org.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the NNADV will participate in the Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Summit hosted by the Nevada Attorney General’s Office from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. On Oct. 2, at 10 a.m., the NNADV is participating in an event with the Girl Scouts of Frontier Council in Las Vegas, where girls will learn about the *Peace Begins at Home* Domestic Violence Awareness Council Patch program. Meuschke will speak at both of these events.

October is the ideal time to commit to end domestic and sexual violence and help keep women and children safe in their homes, whether that’s contributing to a local shelter, volunteering time to a program that aids victims of abuse, talking to a child about relationship violence, offering support to a victim of violence, or posting awareness materials in public places. Individuals who want to help or who would like to participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities can call the domestic violence program in their area for more information.

More information about local events:

- Battle Mountain** (Lander Co.): Committee Against Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.635.5947
- Carson City** (Carson & Storey Co.): Advocates To End Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.883.7654
- Elko** (Elko, Eureka & White Pine Counties): Committee Against Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.738.6524
- Fallon** (Churchill Co.): Domestic Violence Intervention, Tel. 775.423.1313
- Hawthorne** (Mineral Co.): Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Tel. 775.945.2472
- Henderson** (Clark Co.): S.A.F.E. House, Tel. 702.451.4203
- Incline Village** (Washoe Co.): Tahoe Women’s Services, Tel. 775.298.0010
- Las Vegas** (Clark Co.): Safe Nest, Tel. 702.877.0133
- Lovelock** (Pershing Co.): Domestic Violence Intervention, Tel. 775.273.7373
- Minden** (Douglas Co.): Family Support Council, Tel. 775.782.7565
- Pahrump** (Nye, Lincoln & Esmeralda Counties): No To Abuse, Tel. 775.751.1118
- Reno** (Washoe Co.): Committee To Aid Abused Women, Tel. 775.329.4150
- Reno** (Washoe Co.): A Safe Embrace, Tel. 775.322.3466
- Winnemucca** (Humboldt Co.): Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc., Tel. 775.625.1313
- Yerington** (Lyon Co.): A.L.I.V.E., Tel. 775.463.5843

About NNADV: The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons. As Nevada’s statewide coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network which both supports our member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state.