

# WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior between individuals involved in intimate or family relationships in which one person tries to maintain power or control over the other person by using various types of abuse. These can be: Verbal, emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and spiritual abuse, or a combination of any of these. Homes in which abuse is occurring are characterized by victims living in a climate of fear and humiliation.

A vast majority of victims of domestic abuse are female:

# 1 in 3

women worldwide have experienced domestic abuse in their lifetime.



Excellent sessions, great dialogue, Islamic values

Registration, lodging and resources are **FREE** for up to 15 imams in each workshop location.

Help raise awareness about domestic violence in the Muslim community.

## 2014 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP FOR IMAMS

New York, NY | Nov. 5, 2014

Time: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: The Interchurch Center  
(In the Sockman Lounge)

Address: 475 Riverside Dr.  
New York, NY 10115

REGISTER ONLINE:  
[IRUSA.ORG/SAYNOTODV](http://IRUSA.ORG/SAYNOTODV)



# I SAY NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

53% of Muslims reported having experienced some form of domestic violence in their lifetime

66% of Muslims surveyed reported that they knew a Muslim that has been physically abused.

80% of Muslims surveyed have experienced emotional abuse and 77% have experienced verbal abuse.

More than 40% of those who have been abused as adults said that their spouse abused them.

More than 35% of those who have experienced abuse reported not having direct services available to help them in their communities.

More than 40% of those surveyed said that their mosque never offers lectures on domestic violence.

## HOW CAN IMAMS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS HELP?

*“And why should you not fight in the cause of God for the weak who are ill-treated and oppressed? Men, women, and children whose cry is, ‘Our Lord! Rescue us from this place where there are oppressors, and raise from You one who will protect and help!’” (4:75)*

Enter the conversation on domestic violence.

Register for the Imam’s Domestic Violence Workshop

Brought to you by Islamic Relief USA and the Peaceful Families Project

Imams are often the first responders when families are affected by domestic violence. Our workshops offer imams the opportunity to discuss the prevalence, dynamics and impact of domestic violence in the Muslim community, as well as best practices for responding effectively. A team, comprised of an imam and a practitioner, who combine a theological and practical approach, leads the workshops. An emphasis is placed on defining the role of the imam in prevention and intervention, and the ways in which imams can work collaboratively with other advocates and professionals in order to develop a coordinated community response.

Participants in the workshops have noted that they value the opportunity to learn with their peers, to have in depth discussions about theological concepts as well as how to apply what they’ve learned, and to feel more confident in their ability to intervene effectively.

## WORKSHOP TOPICS

- The Islamic Model of healthy family dynamics.
- Understanding emotional, verbal and physical abuse and its impact on children and adults.
- The reality of domestic violence among American Muslim families and communities.
- Marriage and divorce in Islamic and U.S. law.
- Prevention, intervention and resources.
- Ways to address these topics in khutbahs, speeches, and other public speaking events.

