

# **Domestic Abuse**

## Alcohol is no excuse – Say NO to domestic abuse

### Alcohol and domestic abuse

Research carried out by Devon and Cornwall Police in 2010 found that 56% of domestic abuse offences involved alcohol and/or drugs.

During 2011 and 2012 police responded to over 25,000 incidents of domestic violence and abuse across Devon and Cornwall.

#### **Domestic abuse**

Abuse in a relationship can happen to anyone.

If someone tries to control you, hurt you or force you to do things you don't want to – that is abuse.

If you are unhappy or frightened about the way someone close to you treats you, help is available.

#### Help and support

- 24-hour National Domestic Violence Freephone Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Devon Alcohol Service referral line: 0845 130 2605
- Cornwall Drug and Alcohol Service: 01872 263001
- Against Domestic Violence and Abuse (ADVA) have information, advice and helpline numbers on their website <u>www.adva.org.uk</u>
- Devon and Cornwall Police offer help, support and advice 24 hours a day:
  - In an emergency call 999
  - For non-emergencies call 101, or the <u>email form</u>

#### Did you know?

One in four women and one in six men are affected by domestic abuse at some point during their lifetime.

Research shows that on average a victim will suffer 35 attacks before seeking help.

Contact details:<br/>Torrington StationNon Emergency 101PathfieldCrime Stoppers 0800 555111TORRINGTONEX38 7BX

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