

# HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## Health Consequences of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

<b>PHYSICAL</b>
Abdominal/thoracic injuries
Bruises and welts
Chronic pain syndromes
Disability
Fibromyalgia
Fractures
Gastrointestinal disorders
Irritable bowel syndrome
Lacerations and abrasions
Ocular damage
Reduced physical functioning
<b>SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE</b>
Gynaecological disorders
Infertility
Pelvic inflammatory disease
Pregnancy complications/miscarriage
Sexual dysfunction
Sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/Aids
Unsafe abortion
Unwanted pregnancy
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL</b>
Alcohol and drug abuse
Depression and anxiety
Feelings of shame and guilt
Phobias and panic disorder
Psychosomatic disorders
Post-traumatic stress disorder
Smoking
Suicidal behaviour and self-harm
Unsafe sexual behaviour
<b>FATAL HEALTH CONSEQUENCES</b>
Aids-related mortality
Maternal mortality
Homicide
Suicide