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“We have heard about the word “Domestic Violence”, but do we know what it really means or the huge impact it creates? Domestic violence doesn’t only affect survivors but it also harms others around them directly or indirectly. Although it is a form of abuse that occurs between intimate partners but usually children and other family members get affected too. Studies have shown that children who are exposed to domestic violence are far more likely to become batterers themselves later in their lives and the cycle continues. They start thinking that violence is normal in any relationship. We cannot let this happen. All of us, men and women in unison must work in prevention. Domestic violence is a community issue and all

community members must involve to eradicate it.

The earlier police get involved in a DV situation, the sooner the healing process begins, and resources can be tapped into. Do not suffer in silence, report the abuse. There’s counseling available for everyone, including the batterers. If domestic violence continues without some kind of intervention, then there is a high chance that the survivors will be seriously injured or even be killed and the children will be exposed to it for a longer period of time.

It does not matter who you are or where you are from, committing domestic violence is a crime. If someone is hurting you or if you see someone is getting abused then call 911 or contact your local Police department to report the incident.”