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Spouse Abuse Quiz

Assessing & Treating Battered Women, Batterers, & Their Children

Self Quiz – True/False

1. Battered women represent only a small percentage of the population.
2. A person who verbally intimidates or harasses his partner is not likely to lash out physically.
3. Research indicates that battered women are masochistic.
4. Violence in the home rarely results in serious injuries or permanent damage.
5. Unlike poorer women, middle-class women are not likely to get battered.
6. Twenty percent of all Americans approve of hitting a spouse on appropriate occasions.
7. Minority women are battered more frequently than Anglo women.
8. Women who repeatedly leave and return to violent partners do so mainly because they are emotionally unable to separate from them.
9. Religious beliefs strongly decrease the probability of becoming a batterer.
10. If spouse abuse is suspected, mental health professionals are required by law to report it to the authorities.
11. Battered women are uneducated and have few job skills.
12. Alcohol causes battering when the man drinks.
13. Batterers are violent in all their relationships.
14. Batterers are unsuccessful and lack resources to cope with the world.
15. The most important goal in working with a battered woman is to help her leave the abusive partner.
16. Battering is the single major cause of injuries to women, more than stranger rapes, muggings, and automobile accidents combined.

17. Batterers have psychopathic personalities.
18. In most parts of the country, police have been unsuccessful in protecting a battered woman.
19. It would be appropriate to think of a battered woman as a hostage in her own home.
20. A woman's nagging is a major cause of violence in the home.
21. The batterer is not a loving partner.
22. A wife batterer also beats his children.
23. Pregnant women tend to be "immune" to assaults by their partners during the course of their pregnancies.
24. Once a battered woman, always a battered woman.
25. Once a batterer, always a batterer.
26. Threats to turn in a woman to immigration, welfare, or other authorities are considered domestic violence, in that they represent the batterer's efforts to control his partner.
27. Some women deserve to be beaten.
28. The diagnostic clue "accident prone" may appear in the history of some women.
29. Battered women can always leave home.
30. Batterers will cease their violence once the couple gets married.
31. In a battering relationship, often the batterer spontaneously stops being violent permanently, if he is happier.
32. Children need their father even if his is violent.
33. It is relatively easy to assess by her personality type whether a woman is likely to be in a battering relationship.
34. When a woman leaves an abusive relationship, the likelihood of serious injury increases.
35. The majority of battered women have been hit 1 to 3 times by their partner before being successfully helped.
36. Though unintentional, many battered women do things that cause their husbands to hit them.
37. Signs that a partner will become a batterer are usually present during the first few weeks of the relationship.

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39. The majority of abused senior citizens are beaten by their partners.
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