

Disabled are a higher risk to be victims of crime

People with developmental disabilities are 4 to 10 times more likely to be victims of crime than other people are.

More than half of all abuse of people with disabilities is estimated to be perpetrated by family members and peers with disabilities. Disability professionals (i.e., paid or unpaid caregivers, doctors and nurses.) are generally believed responsible for the other half. In addition, approximately 67 percent of perpetrators who abused individuals with severe cognitive disabilities accessed them through their work in disability services.

Woman with disabilities reported experiencing abuse for longer periods of time than woman without disabilities: a collective difference of 3.9 years vs. 2.5 years. Also, the types of abuse experienced by the woman with disabilities specifically reported that their abusers sometimes withheld wheelchairs, braces, medications, and denied them transportation or assistance with personal tasks.

Are you a disabled person experiencing Domestic Violence?

If so call the DOVE PROGRAM

218.935.5554

24 Hour Crisis Line 1.877.830.DOVE (3683)

The White Earth DOVE Program provides the following services....

Crisis Intervention, Emotional Support, Transportation for Medical & Legal appointments related to the crime, Empowerment Support Sessions, Community Education, Assistance in filing an order for protection/harassment restraining orders, Safe housing, Information & Referrals, Legal, Personal & Systems Advocacy, Assistance in creating Safety plans, Assistance in applying for Reparations Claims.