

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

6 million adult Americans will be victims of violence each year. 16,000 will be murdered and 12,000 will be killed by drunk drivers.

Close to a million adult women will be victims of forcible or alcohol/drug facilitated rape in a year in the USA. Only 16% will go to the police.

The rate of homicide in the USA is 5 per 100,000, in Canada 2 and in UK 2 per 100,000. The rates of incarceration in the USA are 720 per 100,000 (2.4 million), in Canada 100 and in UK 150 per 100,000.

More than half of victims of violence do not call the police. The principal reason given for calling the police is prevention not punishment.

Victims of property offenses call the police to recover property more than to punish offenders.

Across many European states, including The Netherlands and Great Britain, every victim has access to support and assistance.

In France, more than 50% of criminal sentences are accompanied with a restitution order, and every victim has a right to a legal aid lawyer to present their civil claim during the criminal prosecution.

The English Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority pays more than \$1 million a year to victims of extreme violence; in the US, compensation payments made by the 50 states total over \$450 million annually.

All-female police stations started by the women's movement in Brazil have spread to many Latin American and Asian countries.