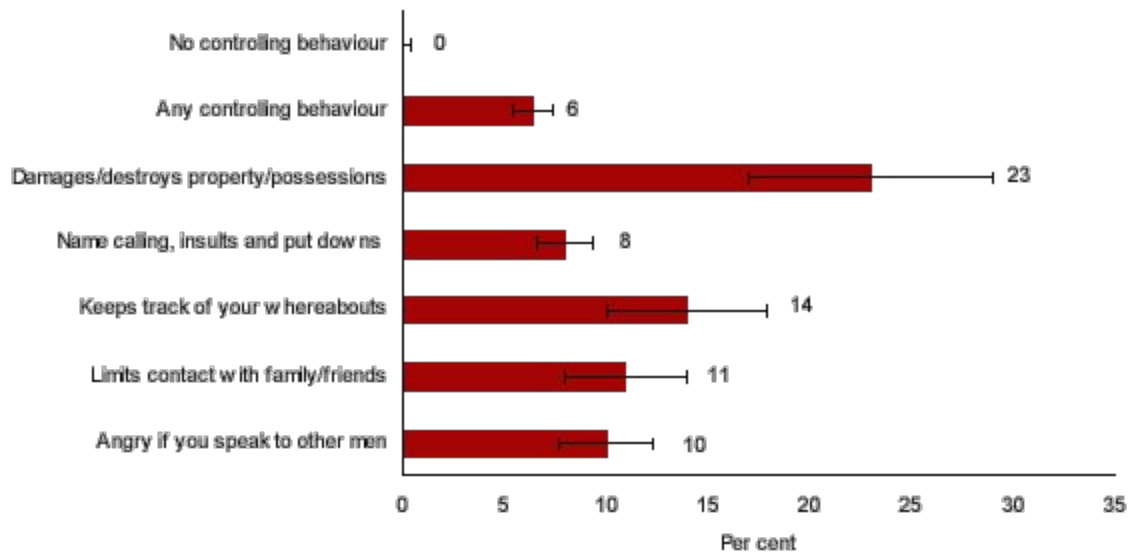


# FAMILY ABUSE FACT SHEET



*Women's experiences of current intimate partner violence during the previous 12 months by controlling behaviours*


**Definition.** The Government **defines domestic** violence as. "Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or **abuse** (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or **family** members, regardless of gender or sexuality."

## Statistics + Information

1. **One in three** victims of family abuse whether it's sexual or physical was inflicted by a male perpetrator
2. Men are **half** as likely to report abuse from their partner than women
3. Often, children blame themselves for the physical and verbal fights they witness of a regular occasion in their abusive homes.
4. In most cases, reasons for not reporting abuse within a family may be in fear of repercussions and severe consequences by those inflicting the violence
5. **81%** reported that they were willing to intervene in domestic violence situations

## By the numbers

Year	Family violence incidents	Where charges laid*
2007/08	<b>31,660</b>	<b>7807</b>
2008/09	<b>33,891</b>	<b>8644</b>
2009/10	<b>35,687</b>	<b>9382</b>
2010/11	<b>40,839</b>	<b>12,076</b>
2011/12	<b>50,382</b>	<b>17,528</b>



### TYPES OF OFFENCES

HOMICIDE	<b>12</b>
RAPE	<b>483</b>
SEXUAL ASSAULT	<b>1229</b>
ASSAULT	<b>16047</b>
ABDUCTION/KIDNAP	<b>199</b>
PROPERTY DAMAGE	<b>4496</b>

\* SOME INCIDENTS RESULT IN MULTIPLE CHARGES