

Crisis line unusually busy the day after Super Bowl

But Womenspace said there was no increase in the number of domestic violence calls on Sunday

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Womenspace experienced a large number of domestic violence concerns on Monday following Super Bowl Sunday.

"Our crisis lines were very busy, and the Womenspace Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Center had so many walk-in clients that we had to call for additional advocates," statistical manager Stephanie Brown said.

But with all the hits, slams and knock downs in the Super Bowl game, there was not an unusual amount of hits in the home on Sunday, according to Womenspace in Eugene.

Womenspace, an organization that provides shelter and other services for abused women and children, reported no increase in the number of domestic violence calls on Super Bowl Sunday.

Super Bowl Sunday has been the center of debate about whether or not domestic violence is caused by the game or other surrounding factors. But that feeling is a myth, according to Womenspace advocate Tonya Valedéz.

"There are not necessarily more instances of domestic violence [on Super Bowl Sunday], but I think people become more aware that it's happening," she said. "It's a myth that the game causes domestic violence, or the alcohol or the testosterone does it. People believe it when it's really not the case."

Finding statistical evidence for these beliefs is difficult to come by, Valedéz said.

"We can't really quantify it," she said. "We can't go up to people's houses and ask 'Did you beat your wife today?' We just can't do that."

Although the Super Bowl did-

n't seem to change the rate of domestic violence calls to Womenspace, domestic violence is still a large concern, Valedéz said. At least 4 million reported incidents of domestic violence against women are reported every year in the United States. Almost 20 percent of these are aggravated assaults in the home.

According to a Womenspace pamphlet, domestic violence is defined as emotional, physical, sexual and economic abuse. Every 15 seconds in the United States a woman is battered by her husband, boyfriend or live-in partner, and domestic violence crosses all economic, cultural, racial and religious lines.

Womenspace receives many types of domestic violence calls, one crisis-line worker said.

"They vary so much," she said. "We get calls from grandparents because they know their grand kids are getting hurt, or there are people who know others are being abused or the abuser is there with them."

When a person calls the crisis line, there are a number of things the crisis line operator tells them, Valedéz said.

"The most important thing we do is make them aware that it's not their fault," she said. "But we never tell them what to do. We give suggestions for the individual situation. If it's happening right then and the abuser is there with them, we tell them to leave and call the police."

Educating the public about domestic violence is a major concern for Womenspace she said. There are different educational programs they offer to schools and in the training of police.

"It's really important to point out who's responsible," she said. "There are people who look at it and ask, 'Why does someone think they can do this? Is it OK?' The real question we should be asking is 'Why are we asking?'"

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