

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The anniversary was established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1999, based on the fact that violence against women is a violation of human rights. Murder by known people, such as husbands, companions, partners or former partners, is a sadly widespread phenomenon all over the world. Violence often takes place within the home, as evidenced by the increase in cases reported since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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# The red shoes

The symbol of the red shoes



One of the most used symbols to denounce violence against women and raise public awareness on the issue are red shoes, "abandoned" in many squares. A symbol created in 2009 by the Mexican artist Elina Chauvet with the work Zapatos Rojos. The installation first appeared in front of the Mexican consulate in El Paso, Texas, to commemorate the hundreds of women kidnapped, raped and killed in Ciudad Juarez. With his art Chauvet also carries on a personal battle: to remember, every day, his younger sister, killed by his partner when he was only 22 years old.

# TYPES OF VIOLENCE

- Psychological violence: Any abuse or lack of respect that damages the identity of a person.
- Economic violence: Any form of control over your economic autonomy.
- Physical violence: Any form of violence against the person.
- Stalking: Any form of persecution capable of limiting a person's freedom and violating his or her privacy.