## **Domestic Violence:**



Serious Implications for Employers

## Did you know?



1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime

\$1.8
BILLION

Domestic violence results in a \$1.8 billion loss in productivity for employers

Domestic violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work per year in the United States — the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs and \$1.8 billion annually in productivity for employers

## **Employer Responsibilities Under State Law**

Many states have provisions that apply to employees who are victims of domestic violence

- Job protection for participation in criminal proceedings.
- Right to leave work to obtain an order of protection.
- Employer-initiated injunctions and restraining orders.
- Obligation to protect confidentiality of domestic violence victims.
- Leave for victims to obtain medical or mental health care.
- Leave for victims to secure their homes or find new housing.
- Job protection for time to seek legal assistance related to abuse.
- Leave for medical treatment for victim who is employee's spouse, parent or child.

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