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## **'Domestic Abuse Barbie' Is A Harrowing Project Aimed At Violence Against Women**

Countless young girls grow up playing with Barbie dolls, the Mattel toys' unrealistic plastic bodies and shiny, blonde manes becoming engrained in children's ideas of femininity and adulthood. In a disturbing series intended to raise awareness about domestic violence, artist Sam Humphreys transforms the picture-perfect Barbies into victims of abuse, exploring the space between appearance and reality. As the tagline of the series hauntingly states: "We shouldn't be taught that life is perfect."

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