

Intimate Partner Violence & Coronavirus

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Topics for Discussion

- ▶ Identify Domestic Violence Definition
- ▶ Identify Types of Domestic Violence
- ▶ Discuss Cycle of Violence
- ▶ Become aware of redflags
- ▶ Power & Control Wheel
- ▶ Reporting Options
- ▶ What you can do
- ▶ Coronavirus and domestic violence
- ▶ Resources

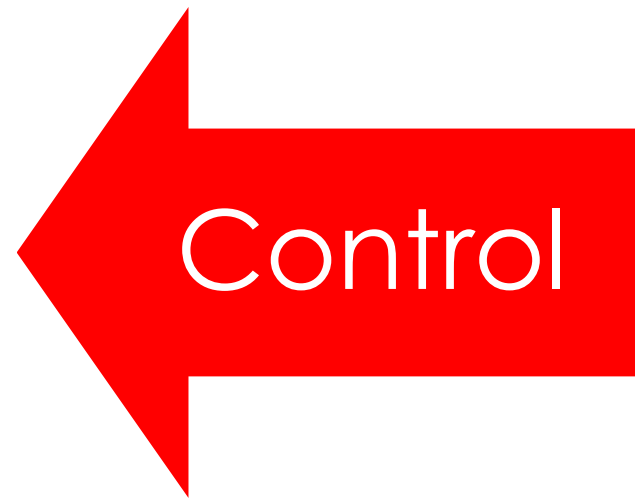
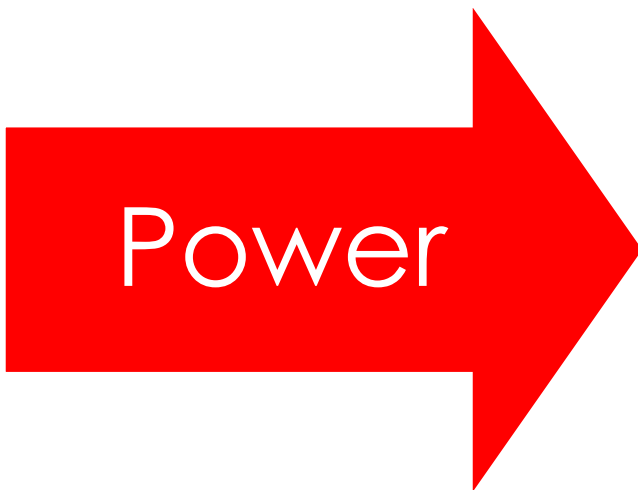
Domestic Violence Definition

Domestic Abuse is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that is a pervasive life-threatening crime affecting people in all our communities regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, social standing and immigration status.

-The Center for Family Justice

Domestic Violence Definition

One Party Has It...



The other does not...

POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are the most apparent forms of domestic violence and are usually the actions that allow others to become aware of the problem. However, regular use of other abusive behaviors by the batterer, when reinforced by one or more acts of physical violence, make up a larger system of abuse. Although physical assaults may occur only once or occasionally, they instill threat of future violent attacks and allow the abuser to take control of the woman's life and circumstances.

The Power & Control diagram is a particularly helpful tool in understanding the overall pattern of abusive and violent behaviors, which are used by a batterer to establish and maintain control over his partner. Very often, one or more violent incidents are accompanied by an array of these other types of abuse. They are less easily identified, yet firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in the relationship.



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Physical



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Sexual



Verbal

Emotional



Gaslighting

- ❖ Derived from a 1938 stage play in which a husband attempts to drive his wife crazy by dimming the lights (powered by gas).

“You’re crazy” “It’s all your fault”

“You’re trying to confuse me”

“You’re wrong, you never remember things correctly”

“You’re imagining things”

“You’re too sensitive” “You’re making stuff up”

“I don’t know what you’re talking about”

Gaslighting happens over a course of time. Victims usually become very confused, anxious, depressed and isolated, thereby losing control of what is actually happening.

Cycle of Violence

- Moody
- Put downs
- Yelling
- Threatening
- Withdraws

- Hitting
- Rape
- Using weapons
- Verbal Abuse

Escalation

Acute
Battering

DENIAL

Honeymoon

- I'm sorry
- I'll get help
- Make up sex
- Gifts

REPORTING OPTIONS

RESTRICTED

- No investigation
- No Command Involvement
- Report can be made to only VA, Healthcare professional and FAP Clinical Social Worker
- Can change to Unrestricted-up to 1 year

UNRESTRICTED

- Full Investigation
- Command Involvement
- Report can be made to anyone.
- Cannot change to Restricted

Statistics

US:

- 1 in 4 women/1 in 7 men victims of severe abuse
- 30-60% also abuse children
- 32% of women sought help at hospital
- health care costs \$1700 higher than those never abused
- Cost of IPV exceed \$5.8 billion each year.

MD:

- Forty-six people died in Maryland between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 as a result of intimate partner violence.
- Twenty-six people, or fifty-seven percent, of those who died were the intimate partner victims.
- These victims included 17 women, two teenage girls, and seven men. Two of these homicides occurred in a same-sex relationship

What are the red flags?

- ▶ Embarrassing or putting you down
- ▶ Looking at you or acting in ways that scare you
- ▶ Controlling who you see, where you go, or what you do
- ▶ Keeping you or discouraging you from seeing your friends or families
- ▶ Taking your money or refusing to give you money for expenses
- ▶ Preventing you from making your own decisions
- ▶ Telling you that you are a bad parent or threatening to harm or take away your children
- ▶ Preventing you from working or attending school
- ▶ Blaming you for the abuse, or acting like it's not really happening

What are the red flags?

- ▶ Attempting to stop you from pressing charges
- ▶ Threatening to commit suicide because of something you've done
- ▶ Threatening to hurt or kill you
- ▶ Pressuring you to have sex when you don't want to or do things sexually you're not comfortable with
- ▶ Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol
- ▶ Preventing you from using birth control or pressuring you to become pregnant when you're not ready
- ▶ Destroying your property or threatening to hurt or kill your pets
- ▶ Intimidating you with guns, knives or other weapons
- ▶ Shoving, slapping, choking or hitting you

Coronavirus and Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate Partner Violence has increased since

COVID-19 BEGAN?

WHY?

STRESS ISOLATION DEPRESSION

UNEMPLOYMENT FINANCES

HOMELESSNESS HELPLESSNESS

ALCOHOLISM DRUG ADDICTION

HOPELESSNESS DAYCARE FOOD

SUICIDE

What is going on?

- Victims are avoiding hospitals due to Covid-19
- DV groups have either been postponed or are utilizing the internet
- DV victims may not have access to a phone or computer while abuser is home
- Counseling has either been cancelled or telephonic sessions scheduled
- Housing unavailable if victim has no money
- Legal services are limited

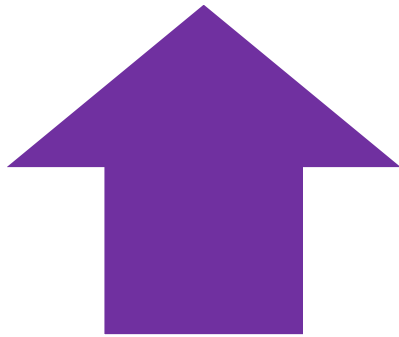
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Red Flags

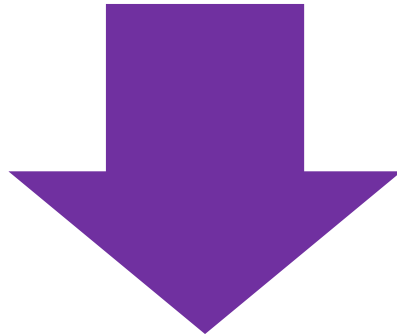
- Using Covid 19 to deny victims medical attention
- Using Covid 19 illness to threaten eviction and put them on the street
- Using Covid 19 illness to isolate and keep victim in the house
- Withholding financial resources

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Statistics



-As much as 25% increase in DV calls.



-DV calls are down due to isolation/abuser around.

Resources

- Family Tree's Family Stress Line: 1-800-243-7337
- First Call For Help: 1-800-492-0618
- National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

THANK YOU

Take a stand against

Hopeless Crime Physical Lonely Control
Hurt Children Fear Crying RAGE
Verbal Anger Depression Abuse
Apologies Trapped Resentment Insecurity
Heartache Why Lies Anxiety Assault
Partner Scared Anxiety Bruise Victim

Domestic Violence

Q&A

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