



According to the United States Department of Justice office, the definition of domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain control over an intimate partner. There are many types of abuse.

PHYSICAL ABUSE can include hitting, biting, slapping, battering, shoving, pulling hair, etc. (any type of violent behavior inflicted on a person). This type of abuse also includes denying someone medical treatment and forcing drug/alcohol use on someone.

SEXUAL ABUSE occurs when the abuser forces or tries to force the person into having sexual contact or sexual behavior without the victim's consent. This takes the form of marital rape, attacking body parts, physical violence followed by forcing sex, telling sexual jokes at the expense of the victim and sexually demeaning the victim.

EMOTIONAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE involves deflating the person's self-worth and/or self-esteem. This often takes the form of constant criticism, name calling, injuring the person's relationship with his/her family, intimidation, isolating her from her family/friends, or prohibiting a person from going to work or school.

ECONOMIC ABUSE takes place when the abuser makes or tries to make the person financially dependent on them. The abuser often seeks to maintain total control over the financial resources, without the person's access to funds, or prohibit the person from going to work.

Victims of abuse are women, children, teenagers, and men from the very young to the very old. Domestic Violence crosses all boundaries of wealth, race, and religion. It is impossible to deal with all aspects of it and all the many different parts of the population that are affected. Focus on recognition, rescue, recovery or renaissance. I will be glad to share information about all these different stages. I am just an email away.

