

Abuse is NEVER OK

Abuse is the act of hurting others. **Domestic abuse** happens within a household. For example, a man may abuse his wife, a boyfriend may hurt his girlfriend or a parent may abuse a child. The people being hurt are called **victims**.

What is domestic abuse?

- physical abuse like hitting or kicking
- threats
- being held against your wishes
- someone controls what you say or do

REPORT ABUSE!

Domestic or sexual abuse is a CRIME.
Contact your local police department, or call 911 if you or someone you know is being abused.



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help is in YOUR county.

1-800-500-1119

Some Signs of Domestic Abuse

Does your partner:

- Humiliate or yell at you?
- Treat you so badly that you are embarrassed for your friends or family to see?
- Have a bad temper?
- Hurt you or threaten to hurt you?
- Keep you from seeing your friends or family?
- Control where you go and what you do?

Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is any forced sexual act. Sexual acts do NOT have to be completed to be abuse.

Sexual abuse can be:

- If someone forces you to do anything sexual, this is called **rape**.
- An attempted, but not completed sex act
- Forced sexual contact or touching that does not feel right
- Threats of sexual violence

Keywords

abuse: when someone hurts someone else

birth control: different ways to avoid spreading STIs and pregnancy

domestic abuse: abuse that occurs within a household

rape: when someone forces you to do anything sexual

safe sex: using condoms to avoid spreading STIs or unwanted pregnancy

sexual abuse: any forced sexual act

STIs: Sexually Transmitted Infections are diseases and virus you can get from sex

Check Your Learning

1. **What is an example of domestic abuse?**
 - o A wife and husband having an argument
 - o Two children fighting over a toy
 - o A man slapping his wife
2. **What can you do about domestic violence?**
 - o Report it to the police
 - o Ignore it
 - o Give the abuser a second chance



Key Points

- Abuse comes in many forms.
- Anyone can be abused.
- Always report domestic abuse!

Dialog



Caller: I think there is a problem next door.

911 Dispatcher: Why do you think that?

Caller: I hear screaming and crying.

911 Dispatcher: Please give me the address where this is happening.

Caller: We live at 500 Main Avenue, Jamestown, Florida. I think they live in apartment C.