



What is domestic violence?

Battering is a pattern of selfish, controlling behavior that one person in a relationship uses to restrict the activity and independence of his or her partner.

If may begin with verbal and emotional abuse:



- Taunting and insulting
- Ignoring and neglecting
- Threatening to hurt children or pets
- Blaming you for things that are not your fault
- Controlling your use of money
- Checking up on you
- Withholding affection to punish you.



It will likely escalate to physical/sexual abuse:

- Destroying your belongings
- Depriving you of food, shelter, clothing and sleep
- Throwing things at you
- Accusing you of having an affair
- Beating you and/or forcing you to have sex
- Threatening you with weapons

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual contact with lack of consent and/or the threat or actual use of violence.

Sexual abuse/incest is any manual, oral, visual or genital sexual contact that a person in authority imposes on a child. It may include child pornography or not respecting a child's privacy while they are bathing or undressing.

Many tactics are used to manipulate a victim including rape drugs, alcohol or

coercion. This often causes a victim to feel at fault. The victim is never to blame.

Stalking

A person commits the crime of stalking if their conduct becomes harassing:

- Communicating, verbally, electronically, mechanically, telegraphically, by phone or in writing in a manner that harasses.
- Following a person
- Placing a person under surveillance

Signs to Look for in a Battering Personality

Jealousy, Controlling Behavior, Quick Involvement-relationship moves very fast, Unrealistic Expectations-abusive people will expect their partner to meet all of their needs, Isolation, Blames Others for Problems, Blames Others for Feelings-uses feelings to manipulate, Hypersensitivity-abuser is easily insulted, Cruelty To Animals or Children, "Playful" Use of Force in Sex, Verbal Abuse, Rigid Sex Roles, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Personality-sudden changes in mood, Past Battering, Breaking or Striking Objects, Any Force During an Argument.

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