

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive control that one person uses in an intimate relationship in order to control another person. Domestic violence includes emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Domestic violence violates the basic trust and respect which we expect from the people we love. Domestic violence knows no barriers. Battering can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, religion, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, educational background or marital status. Although factors such as alcohol, a history of abuse or drugs may be involved, domestic violence is at core an issue of power and control. Batterers choose to be controlling and manipulative.

Hitting hurts. Violence and abuse destroys the body, the spirit, the family, the future.

"Violence in the home strikes at the heart of our society. Children who are abused or who live in homes where parents are battered carry the terrible lessons of violence with them into adulthood.... To tolerate family violence is to allow the seeds of violence to be sown into the next generation."

(U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence Washington, D. C. 1984)

WEST VIRGINIA LICENSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

Beckley Area	(304)255-2559
Charleston Area	(304)340-3549
Elkins Area	(304)636-8433
Fairmont Area	(304)367-1100
Huntington Area	(304)529-2382
Keyser Area	(304)788-6061
Lewisburg Area	(304)645-6334
Martinsburg Area	(304)263-8292
Morgantown Area	(304)292-5100
Parkersburg Area	(304)428-2333
Welch Area	(304)436-8117
Wheeling Area	(304)232-0511
Williamson Area	(304)235-6121

National Domestic
Violence Hotline

1-800-799-5AFE

STATEWIDE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Prevention Office

West Virginia Coalition Against

Domestic Violence



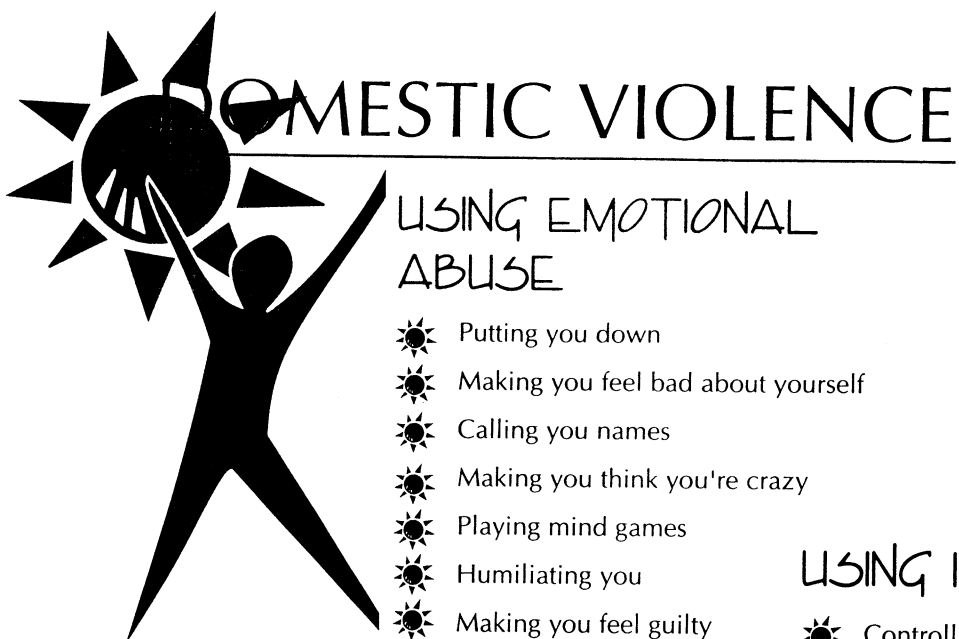
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tactics of CONTROL

There's

a EXCUSE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE





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USING EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- ☼ Putting you down
- ☼ Making you feel bad about yourself
- ☼ Calling you names
- ☼ Making you think you're crazy
- ☼ Playing mind games
- ☼ Humiliating you
- ☼ Making you feel guilty

USING MALE PRIVILEGE

- ☼ Treating you like a servant
- ☼ Making all the big decisions
- ☼ Acting like the "Master of the Castle"
- ☼ Being the one to define men's and women's roles

USING ECONOMIC ABUSE

- ☼ Preventing you from getting or keeping a job
- ☼ Making you ask for money
- ☼ Giving you an allowance
- ☼ Taking your money
- ☼ Not letting you know about or have access to family income

USING COERCION AND THREATS

- ☼ Making or carrying out threats to do something to hurt you
- ☼ Threatening to leave you, to commit suicide, to report you to welfare
- ☼ Making you drop charges
- ☼ Making you do illegal things
- ☼ Using intimidation
- ☼ Making you afraid by using looks, gestures, or actions
- ☼ Smashing things
- ☼ Abusing pets
- ☼ Displaying weapons

USING CHILDREN

- Making you feel guilty about the children
- Using the children to relay messages
- Using visitation to harass you
- Threatening to take the children away

USING ISOLATION

- ☼ Controlling what you do, who you see and talk to, what you read, and where you go
- ☼ Limiting your outside involvement
- ☼ Using jealousy to justify actions

MINIMIZING, DENYING, BLAMING

- ☼ Making light of the abuse and not taking your concerns about it seriously
- ☼ Saying the abuse didn't happen
- ☼ Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior
- ☼ Saying you caused it

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GETTING THE WORD OUT...

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS IN RURAL
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