Domestic Violence

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Also called: Battery, Partner abuse, Spousal abuse

Domestic violence is a type of abuse. It usually involves a spouse or partner, but it can also be a child, elderly relative, or other family member.

Domestic violence may include

- Physical violence that can lead to injuries such as bruises or broken bones
- Sexual violence
- Threats of physical or sexual violence
- Emotional abuse that may lead to depression, anxiety, or social isolation

It is hard to know exactly how common domestic violence is, because people often don't report it. There is no typical victim. It happens among people of all ages. It affects those of all levels of income and education.

The first step in getting help is to tell someone you trust.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Start Here

- Domestic Violence [http://www.psychiatry.org/domestic-violence](American Psychiatric Association)
  Also available in Spanish

Overviews

- Domestic Violence [http://www.acog.org/-/media/For%20Patients/faq083.ashx](American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) - PDF

Latest News


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Coping

Specific Conditions

Related Issues
- Domestic Violence Frequently Asked Questions [http://www.raonline.org/topics/domestic-violence/] (Rural Assistance Center)

Clinical Trials
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Spouse Abuse [http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open/condition=%22Spouse+Abuse%22] NIH (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles
References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

Directories
- Civil Domestic Violence Resources [http://hr.od.nih.gov/hrguidance/civil/domesticviolence.htm] NIH (National Institutes of Health)

Organizations
- Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women [http://www.ow.usdoj.gov/]

Law and Policy
- Battered Spouse, Children and Parents [http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=b85c3e4d77d73210VgnVCM1000000082ca60aRCRD&vgnextchannel=b85c3e4d77d73210VgnVCM1000000082ca60aRCRD] (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)
- Know Your Rights: Domestic Violence
Statistics

- National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Children

  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/parents_fight_esp.html]

Teenagers

- Abuse [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/family_abuse.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/abuse_esp.html]
- When Parents Argue [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/parents_fight.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/parents_fight_esp.html]

Men

- Domestic Violence against Men: Know the Signs, Seek Help [http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/domestic-violence-against-men/MY00557/METHOD=print] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
- Men's Health: Violence Prevention [http://womenshealth.gov/mens-health/violence-prevention-for-men/] (Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health)

Women


Seniors

- Domestic Violence [http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/Stop_Abuse/Partners/Domestic_Violence/index.aspx] (National Center on Elder Abuse)

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