

U.S. WOMEN ARE MURDERED BY THEIR PARTNERS EVERY DAY

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U.S. CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EACH YEAR 15.5



Domestic violence hurts EVERYONE.





What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any pattern of behaviors that attempts to control and intimidate a partner or family member through fear, manipulation, isolation, financial abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and/or verbal abuse.

Recognize the signs of an abuser

- Wants the relationship to move too fast
- Is jealous
- □ Isolates partner from friends or family
- Exhibits controlling behavior
- Blames others for problems or feelings
- Has sudden mood swings
- Speaks disrespectfully of opposite gender
- Treats partner differently in public than behind closed doors
- Says hurtful things or makes threats and then apologizes
- □ Is cruel to children or animals
- Makes inappropriate sexual demands
- Has abused past partners

Does this sound like someone you love? You are not alone. It's not your fault. Abuse is not okay. Ever. Period. But abuse does happen - and when it does, there is help.

If you or someone you love is being hurt by a loved one, call the 24-hour free & confidential YWCA Crisis & Support Help Line at

