

Defining Domestic Violence

“Domestic violence, also known as partner abuse, is a pattern of behavior used to establish non-consensual power and control over another person through fear and intimidation. While the abuse may cause injury, it does not have to be physical. Domestic violence also takes the form of emotional, verbal, sexual, technological, cultural and financial abuse.

Domestic violence affects people of all races, ethnicities, gender and sexual identities, abilities and socio-economic classes.

Partner abuse happens when one person believes that they are entitled to control another. Assault, battering, and domestic violence are crimes”.

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