WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Offenses of violence, harassment, terroristic threats, stalking, and burglary committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common or of one of the parties is pregnant, anticipates having a child in common, by any person who is a present or former household member, or any person with whom the victim has had a dating relationship.

For more information, please visit http://www.pccc.edu/titleix

COMMON TYPES OF ABUSE

- **Physical:** Hitting, pushing, biting, punching, choking.
- **Emotional:** Cursing, swearing, attacks on self-esteem, blaming, criticizing thoughts and feelings.
- **Psychological:** Threatening, throwing, smashing, breaking things, punching walls, hiding things.
- **Sexual:** Any non-consenting sexual act or behavior.
- **Financial:** Tactics to limit the partner's access to assets or conceal information and accessibility to finances.

WARNING SIGNS THAT A PERSON MAY BE ABUSED:

- Sudden changes in clothes, makeup, mood or personality, becoming anxious or depressed.
- Bruises, burns, cuts, scars, abrasions, or other injuries.
- Failing grades or dropping out of school activities.
- Avoiding friends and family members.
- Difficulty making decisions.
- Lying to protect partner.
- Changes in sleeping and eating habits.
- New or increased use of alcohol or drugs.
- Justifies partners abusive behaviors.
- Cancels plans with friends/family frequently.
- Constant checking in with partner.

Source: http://ncadv.org/learn-more/statistics
FACTS AND STATISTICS

- Domestic violence is prevalent in every community and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.
- In the United States, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner.
- Domestic violence is most common among women between the ages of 18-24.
- Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior.
- All 50 states have federal and state laws regarding domestic violence.
- Nearly 1 in 10 men in the United States has experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
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