

Warning Signs



Excessively Jealous
Verbally Abusive
Very Controlling
Very Possessive
Violent Temper
Sexually Demanding
Rapidly Changing Moods
Excessive Alcohol/Drug Use
Abuse of Pets

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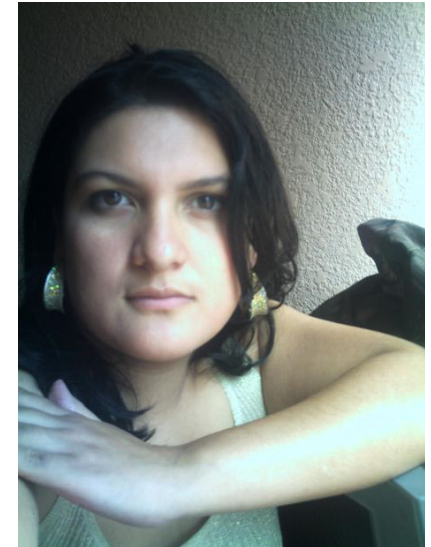
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Important Numbers (area code 502)

Emergency: 911
Louisville Metro Call information: 311
Louisville Metro Police: 574-2111
Report Child & Adult Abuse:
1-800-752-6200
Abuse Hotline: 595-4550
Crimes Against Seniors: 574-2278
Crisis and Information Center:
589-4313
LMPD Domestic Violence Unit: 574-2388
National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-7233
Domestic Violence Central Intake
Center (to obtain legal protection/24
hrs): 595-0853
V.I.N.E. (Victim Information & Notifica-
tion Everyday): 1-800-511-1670
County Attorney's Office: 595-6336
Commonwealth Attorney's Office:
595-2300 or 595-2340

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Domestic Violence and Abuse



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Violence and Abuse in Relationships

Violence and abuse in relationships affects persons of every socio-economic, racial, religious, cultural, sexual orientation, and age group. If you suspect you or someone you know is a victim of violence, please seek help.

Domestic Violence or Family Violence

“Domestic Violence and Abuse” is defined in Kentucky law (KRS 403.720) as physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse or assault between family members or members of an unmarried couple.

Domestic violence, or family violence, is a societal problem affecting individuals, families and entire communities. It has damaging short-term and long-term effects on adults and children.

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive and abusive behaviors intended to establish power and control over another individual. Women are five to eight times more likely than men to be victimized by an intimate partner.

Examples of Domestic Violence and Abuse

- **Physical Abuse** – Pushing, hitting, kicking, biting, pulling hair, and other physical aggression.
- **Emotional Abuse** – Putting an intimate partner down, name calling, playing “mind games”, portraying the intimate partner as mentally ill or “crazy”, withholding affection, telling their intimate partner they are not loved by anyone else.
- **Sexual Abuse** – Sexual acts against an intimate partner’s will, physically attacking sexual parts of the body, treating an intimate partner as a sexual object.
- **Using the Children** – Exchanging messages through children, using visitation as a way to harass a partner, undermining the partner’s authority in front of children, threatening to hurt children.
- **Using Privilege** – Treating partner as inferior, not involving partner in important decisions, and withholding affection.
- **Isolation** – Controlling where and what partner goes and does and who they talk to and see. Controlling financial resources making partner totally dependent and isolated.
- **Dating Violence** – Physical, emotional/psychological or sexual abuse in a dating relationship. Dating violence involves the same tactics used in domestic violence but occurs between people that are not married, some just live together. Dating violence can be found in all age, racial, socioeconomic, educational, religious groups, as well as in homosexual relationships.

Legal Options for Victims



Emergency Protective Order (EPO)

An EPO is effective until a formal hearing is held within 14 days of the issuance of the EPO. The order may be extended up to 3 years at the time of the hearing.

There is no cost to the victim for filing an EPO.

It is helpful to keep a journal, documenting everything that happens with dates, times, places, and nature of events.

In an EPO, the Judge can order the abuser to:

- Have no contact or communication with victim.
- Remain a specific number of feet away from the victim.
- Refrain from any further abuse.
- Leave the home they share.
- Refrain from disposing of or damaging any property.

At the hearing, the Judge may order:

- Temporary child custody to victim
- Child support
- Child visitation
- And/or counseling