

Abuse Has No Boundaries. It Is Universal!

It Affects Any... Age



Gender



Race



Religion



Socioeconomic Group

Resources

For Women

Stopping the Violence Counseling Services

For Women

South Fraser Women's Services

Phone # 604-536-9611 / 604-536-9611

Surrey/Delta Immigrant Services Society

Phone # 604-597-0205

Women Against Violence Against Women/Rape Crisis Centre

Phone # 604-255-6232 / 604-255-6344

Toll Free Phone # 1-877-392-7582

For Seniors

Senior Support Services

Surrey: Phone # 604- 531- 9400

The 411 Seniors Centre Society

Vancouver: Phone # 604- 684 -8171

For Children

City of Surrey General Information Child Abuse

Phone # 604-310-1234

Society for Youth and Children of B.C.– Child Abuse

Resource Centre

Phone # 604-589-8373

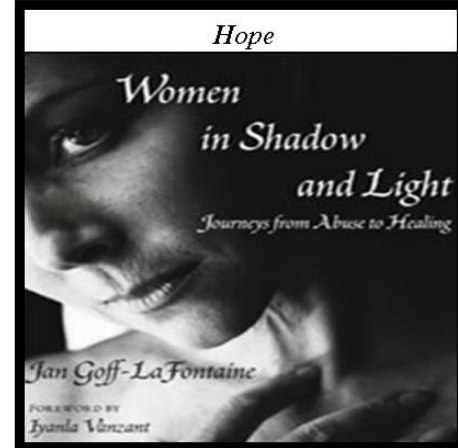
Police Victim Services

www.policivictimservices.bc.ca

Help



Hope



Future



Child Abuse

What defines Child Abuse?

Child abuse constitutes all forms of physical and /or emotional harm inflicted to the child's health, survival and development.

Major Types of Abuse

Physical abuse: Inflicting injury to a child which may include burning, hitting, kicking, shaking, punching and beating the child.

Emotional abuse: (Verbal, mental and psychological) Extreme forms of punishment such as confinement/ isolation for long periods of time, belittling, humiliating, swearing and inducing terror or extreme fear in the child.

Neglect: (Physical, educational and emotional)
Physical-not providing adequate food, clothing, supervision and medical care.
Educational- not providing appropriate schooling or special educational needs.

Sexual abuse: Acts of inappropriate sexual behaviour such as fondling, rape, incest and sexual exploitation.

Exploitation: Refers to the use of children for activities or work for the benefit of others such as child prostitution and child labour.

Observable Indicators

Dirty skin/ offensive body odor
Unwashed/ uncombed hair
Tattered/ under or oversized/ unclean clothing
Inappropriate dressing to weather or occasion
Frequently left unsupervised/or alone for long periods of time.

Signs and Symptoms:

- Child isolates him/herself
- Has low self esteem
- Acts out aggressively at school
- Is unusually quiet and withdrawn
- Has superficial relationships with others
- May be depressed
- May be a bully
- Little or no eye contact
- Rarely smiles or laughs
- Is afraid or cowers

Abuse in Women

What defines Women Abuse?

Abuse is when a partner (male/female) intentionally tries to **control** the other person by using fear, intimidation or may actually use physical violence. The abuser may use **verbal, non verbal or physical means to gain control.**

Types of Abuse

Physical abuse (domestic abuse) Examples: pushing, kicking, pinching, confinement, choking, slapping, hitting, grabbing, tripping, burning, assault with a weapon.

Verbal abuse or Nonverbal abuse (psychological, mental, emotional abuse) Examples: threatening, intimidating, blaming, destruction of personal property, violence to object/pets, yelling/screaming, name-calling, isolation from friends/ family.

Sexual abuse Examples: sexual assault (forcing to participate in unwanted, unsafe or degrading sexual activities), sexual harassment (ridiculing) or sexual exploitation.

Stalking or Cyberstalking Examples: tracking or contacting you against your will or frightening you. Cyberstalking is stalking through telecommunications such as the telephone, internet or email.

Economic or Financial abuse Examples: withholding money or credit cards, stealing/defrauding, withholding food, clothes, medication or preventing partner from working.

Spiritual abuse Examples: preventing partner from practicing their religion, ridiculing partner's religion or forcing the children in a religion that the partner has not agreed to.

Signs & Symptoms of an Abusive Relationship

- Fear, low self esteem/self loathing, desperation, emotional numbness
- Can't do anything right for partner/avoid certain topics
- You feel you deserve the abuse/ wonder whether you are overreacting
- Fear that your partner will try and kill you/ or take the children away
- Feel there is nowhere to turn for help/ sometimes fantasize to kill your partner?
- From an abusive family or abused as a child / violence seems normal to you?
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Elder Abuse

What defines Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse is defined as "a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons."

(Griffith, 2004)

What Characterizes Elder Abuse?

Physical Abuse-infliction of pain/injury, physical coercion

Psychological/Emotional Abuse-infliction mental anguish

Financial Abuse -illegal/improper use of funds / resources

Sexual Abuse-non-consensual contact of any kind

Neglect-refusal/failure to fulfill a care taking obligation

What Are The Signs/Symptoms of Elder Abuse?

- Several injuries in various stages of healing
- Unexplained injuries
- Delay in seeking treatment
- Injuries inconsistent with history
- Contradictory explanations given by patient and caregiver
- Bruises/welts/lacerations/rope marks/burns
- Venereal disease/genital infections
- Dehydration/malnutrition/decubitus ulcers/poor hygiene
- Signs of withdrawal/depression/agitation/infantile behaviour
- Unusual banking activity/personal belongings missing/lack of funds

Safety Tips/Safeguards To Help Avoid Abusive Situations

- Stay social: with friends/good buddy
- Stay active
- Stay organized
- Stay informed

Follow these Don'ts

- Don't leave home unattended
- Don't leave valuable around
- Don't sign documents unless someone you trust has reviewed it
- Stay aware of financial situation
- Don't live with anyone who has a history of violence