



— NATIONAL —
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH
— OCTOBER —

What is Domestic Violence

- Domestic violence as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.
- Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person.
- This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone. (US Dept. Of Justice)



Types of Abuse

Physical Abuse

Hitting, kicking, biting, shoving, restraining, slapping, throwing objects, withholding or denying medical care.

Sexual Abuse

Marital rape, forcing sex after physical abuse or when sick, forcing undesired sexual behavior, treating you in a sexually demeaning manner, insisting you dress or perform in a sexual way that is uncomfortable, withholding sex or affection, criticizing and/or sexually demeaning you, using unwanted objects or weapons during sex that hurt you without your consent.

Emotional Abuse

Habitually criticizes you, calls you names or yells at you, humiliates you in private or public, tells private information about you to others, calls you degrading names, puts you down in front of the children, expects you to ask permission, makes you feel bad about yourself, makes you feel guilty.

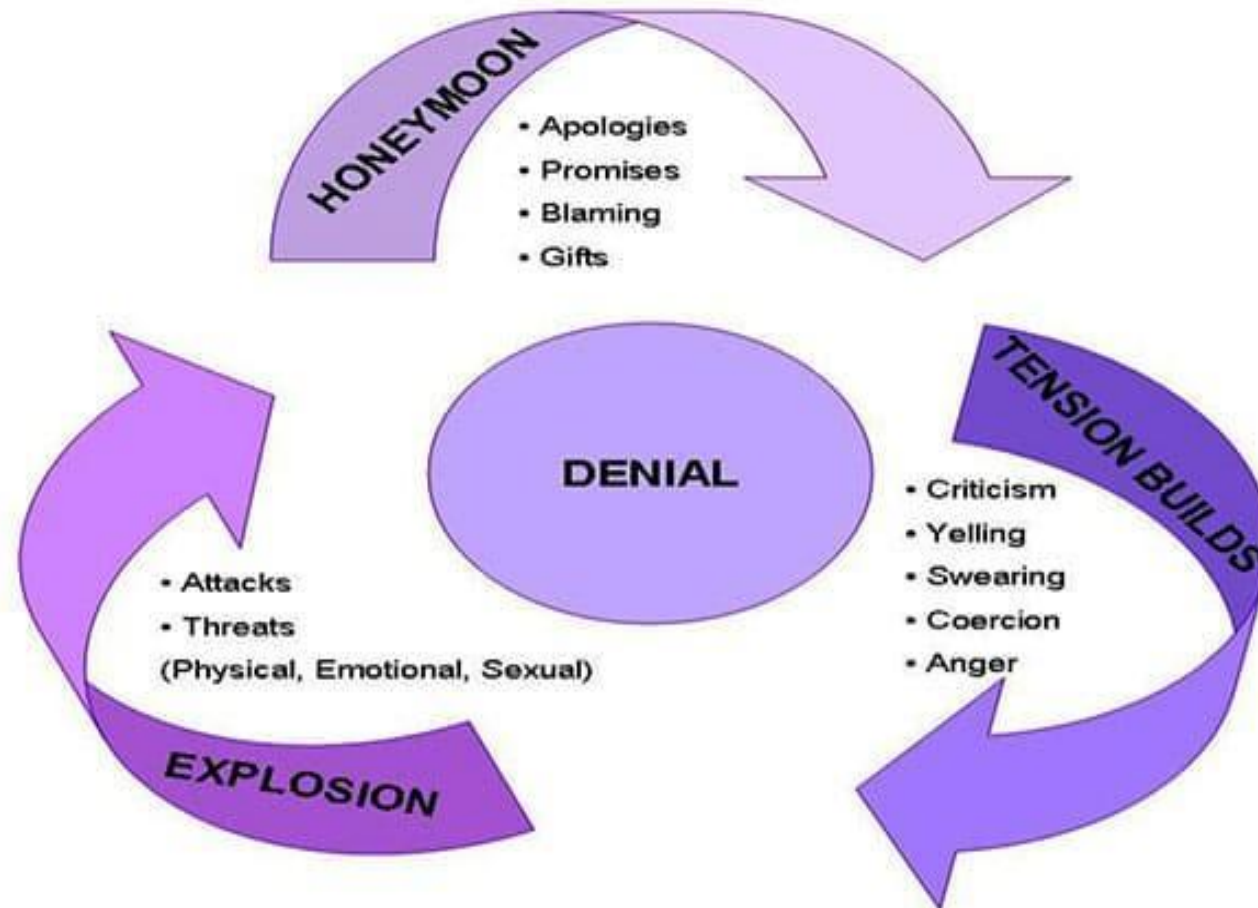
Economic Abuse

Maintains control over the family finances, makes you financially dependent, withholds personal care items you need for yourself or other family members or makes you ask permission to make purchases, prevents you from getting or keeping a job, taking your money.

Psychological Abuse

Intimidates you and causes you fear, threatens to cause harm to self or commit suicide, insults or drives away your friends or family, sabotages your relationships with others including your children, forces isolation from friends, family, school or work, plays mind games, uses the children to make you feel guilty, threatens to take the children away from you, abuses pets, destroys your sentimental items, tries to make you and/or others think that you are crazy.

Cycle of Abuse



South Carolina Statistics

- SC currently ranks 6th in the nation for the number of women killed by men and is consistently in the top ten in the nation. (*Violence Policy Institute When Men Murder Women report 2018*)
- In South Carolina, 39 intimate partners were murdered as a result of domestic violence in 2020. (*South Carolina Attorney General's "Silent Witness" 2020.*)
- The cost of domestic violence in the state of South Carolina in 2020 was nearly \$358.4 million dollars according to a report conducted by Dr. Joseph C. Von Nessen and sponsored by the Jamie Kimble Foundation for Courage
- Each reported incident of domestic violence costs the state of South Carolina an average of \$4,350 (*The Economic Impact of Domestic Violence in South Carolina, 2020- Von Nessen*)
- 42% of SC females and 29% males will experience domestic violence during their lifetime (*The Economic Impact of Domestic Violence in South Carolina, 2020- Von Nessen*)
- The annual number of domestic violence victims in South Carolina is estimated to be 82,379. (*The Economic Impact of Domestic Violence in South Carolina, 2020- Von Nessen*)



He Won't Do It Again

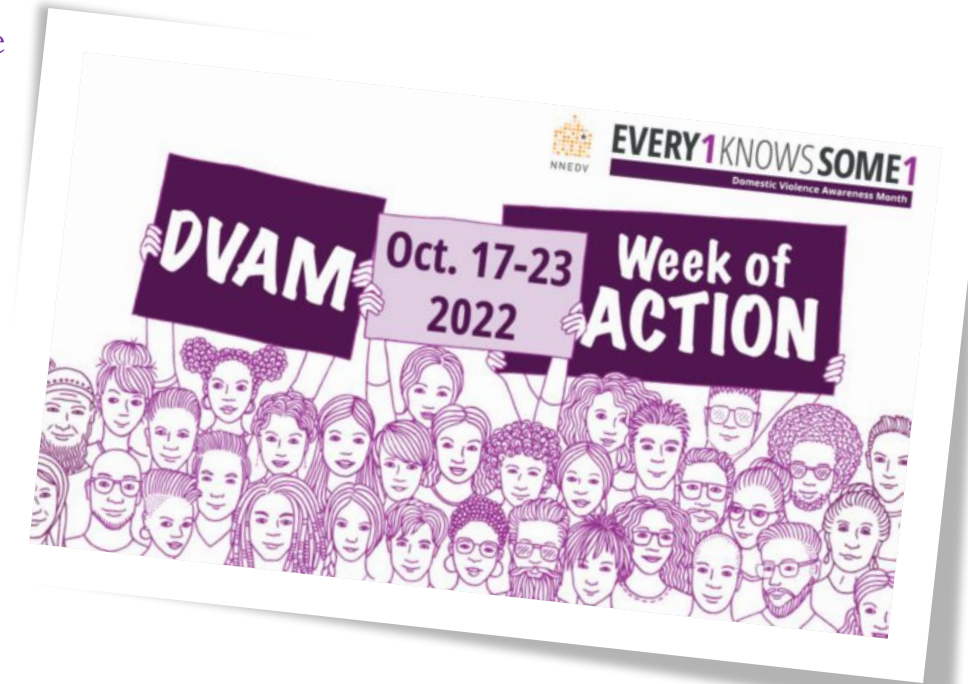




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- **Media Monday (10/17):** Journalists have a responsibility to cover domestic violence responsibly and survivors deserve for their stories to be treated with respect. Join us as we dive into helpful resources.
- **Twitter Chat Tuesday (10/18):** Join the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence from 3:00-4:00 PM ET explore (NRCDV)'s DVAM theme (“No Survivor Justice Without Racial Justice”) in both English and Spanish.
- **DVAM Day of Giving (10/19):** Survivors, advocates, and programs urgently need support.
- **Purple Thursday (10/20):** #DVAM: #PurpleThursday! Wear purple to show your support for survivors and your commitment to ending violence.
- **Pay It Forward Friday (10/21):** Support domestic violence survivors and advocates.
- **Speak Up Saturday (10/22):** Local, state, and federal policy is crucial to ending domestic violence, use your voice. Stand Up-Speak Up!
- **Support Survivors Sunday (10/23):** Every survivor deserves support, whether they choose to share their stories or not. Close out the week by learning how you can help create safety for the survivors in your life.



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Family Justice Center 24/7 Crisis Hotline: **844-208-0161**
National Domestic Violence Hotline: **800-799-7233**