

# Domestic Violence can happen to **ANYONE.**

- Domestic violence occurs at all social and economic levels, regardless of the victim's race, culture, religion, education level, employment status, disability status, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status.
- Each year more than 50,000 incidents of domestic violence are reported to Georgia Law Enforcement agencies.
- Over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the US have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- An average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- National surveys indicate that 5.3% of pregnant women (324,000) each year experience domestic violence.
- Georgia ranks 10th in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men.
- The F.B.I. estimates that only 1 in 10 incidents

of domestic violence are ever reported.

*Sites: The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Uniform Crime Reports, FBI, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Free, confidential services are available from domestic violence shelters and programs supported by the Department of Human Services.

**FOR HELP  
24 HOURS A  
DAY Call 1-800-  
33-HAVEN (1-  
800-334-2836)**

Call this toll-free number to speak to someone at your local domestic violence shelter. You can call from anywhere in the state to find a safe place to stay for you and your children and get other resources to help you.

**If you disagree with a decision about your TANF case, you have the right to either meet with a supervisor or request a fair hearing within 10 days.**

Information provided by:



Division of  
Family and  
Children  
Services.

# WHAT EVERY PERSON NEEDS TO KNOW

Form 522 (Rev 07/23)



- \* Has your spouse, partner, boyfriend/girlfriend or “ex” ever hit or slapped you?
- \* Has this person ever threatened to harm you?
- \* Has this person threatened to take your children?
- \* Does the person insult you or act jealous?
- \* Do you ever feel this person is running your life or keeping you away from your family and friends, or preventing you from going to work or school?
- \* Does the person keep track of what you do, where you go or who you talk to on the phone?
- \* Does the person destroy things you own or care about?
- \* Are you afraid of this person?
- \* Is it unsafe for you to go home?

If you answered...

**YES**

to any of these questions, it may be time to think about

## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence can include being hit, kicked, beaten, raped, choked, threatened, controlled, or kept from getting what you need to live (such as food, medicine, or a home) by a spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, partner, or “ex”.

## What is Sexual Harassment?

Sexual harassment is hostile, intimidating, or oppressive behavior based on sex that creates an offensive work environment.

## What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

## What is Stalking?

Stalking is the act or crime of willfully and repeatedly following or harassing another person in circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear injury or death especially because of express or implied threats.

Your local Department of Family and Children Services wants to help you and your children to stay safe.

If any of these things are happening to you, talk to your caseworker.

**DFCS can help.**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and TANF

- Some of the requirements of Temporary Assistance for Needy

Families (TANF) may not apply to you.

- You can tell a DFCS caseworker **anytime** that your partner is being violent.
- DFCS will refer you to someone you can talk to about your situation.
- DFCS will help you with

assistance, a safe place to stay for you and your children, medical and mental health care, treatment for addiction and special help for victims of crime and domestic violence.

- DFCS will not share the information with anyone outside the agency without your knowledge.
- Let DFCS know when you are no longer in a dangerous situation

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