**Coercion and threats:** Making or carrying out threats to do something to hurt her; threatening to leave her, to commit suicide, to report her to welfare, to have her deported or report her to immigration authorities; making her drop charges or not testify; making her do illegal things

**Intimidation:** Making her afraid by using looks, actions, gestures; destroying her property; abusing pets; displaying weapons

**Emotional abuse:** Putting her down; calling her names; making her think she's crazy; playing mind games; humiliating her; making her feel bad about herself; making her feel guilty

**Isolation:** Controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to, what she reads, where she goes; limiting her outside involvement; using jealousy to justify actions; withholding important documents (immigration paperwork, birth certificates, social security cards)

**Using children:** Making her feel guilty about the children; using the children to relay messages; using visitation to harass her; threatening to take the children away, to fight for custody, to harm the children; undermining her parenting; teaching the children to treat her with disrespect

**Economic abuse:** Preventing her from getting or keeping a job; making her ask for money; giving her an allowance; taking her money; not letting her know about or have access to family income

Male privilege/entitlement: Treating her like a servant; making all the big decisions; making all the rules; adhering to strict gender roles and being the one to define men's and women's roles

Minimizing, denying, blaming: Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns about it seriously; saying the abuse didn't happen; shifting responsibility for abusive behavior; saying she caused the abuse; claiming to be the "real" victim

### **Considerations for Safety Planning**

- Threats to severely injure or kill her or her children if she leaves
- Batterer promises that he will change
- Access to transportation
- Access to communication with friends and family
- Access to a "safe" place in her home
- Access to resources and supports
- Access to affordable housing
- Access to economic resources
- Workplace safety (getting to and from work, safety while at work)
- Cultural, social, or religious beliefs about marriage, families, and children
- Concerns related to parenting
- Immigration issues

### For support, contact:

The sexual and domestic violence program nearest you (see map)

### **Kansas Crisis Hotline**

1-888-END-ABUSE (1-888-363-2287)

## National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233)

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# Domestic Violence



### Definition

Domestic violence (battering) is a pattern of abusive and coercive behavior used to gain dominance, power, and control over an intimate partner. It includes the use of illegal and legal behaviors and tactics that undermine the victim's sense of self, free will, and safety. Battering behavior can impact other family members and can be used in other family relationships.

Domestic violence crosses all class, race, lifestyle, and religious lines. The only clear distinction is gender. Most victims of domestic violence are women. and most perpetrators of domestic violence are men. According to the National Institute of Justice, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, women are at significantly greater risk of domestic violence than men. Approximately 1 in 4 women in the U.S. have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime. Many academic leaders have identified domestic violence as a major criminal justice, health care, and social issue.

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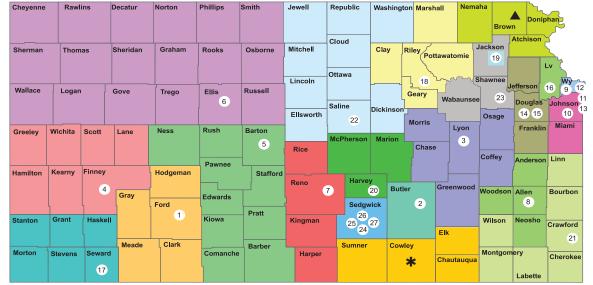
### **Signs of Domestic Violence**

Perpetrators of domestic violence (batterers) use a combination of the following tactics to gain and maintain dominance, power, and control over the victim. Batterers make a choice to use control tactics and violence, including when the violence occurs and the amount of injury inflicted by their acts. Batterers bear sole responsibility for their actions.

**Physical violence:** Pushing; grabbing; shoving; restraining: kicking: spitting: biting: pulling hair: pinching; hitting; punching; slapping; strangling (choking); cutting; stabbing

Sexual violence: Unwanted touching or fondling; forced sexual contact; rape; accusing her of being unfaithful; humiliating or objectifying her body; restricting her access to reproductive health care; forcing her to engage in unwanted sex acts; threatening to have sex with someone else; coercing her into having sex

### **Kansas Sexual and Domestic Violence Programs**



### CITY SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS **CRISIS HOTLINE NUMBER** Crisis Center of Dodge City Dodge City 866-270-2270 or 620-225-6510 El Dorado Family Life Center of Butler County 800-870-6967 or 316-321-7104 SOS. Inc. Emporia 800-825-1295 or 620-342-1870 Garden City **Family Crisis Services** 620-275-5911 Great Bend Family Crisis Center, Inc. 866-792-1885 or 620-792-1885 Hays **Options: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc.** 800-794-4624 or 785-625-3055 Hutchinson Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center 800-701-3630 or 620-663-2522 Iola **Hope Unlimited** 620-365-7566 KC METRO Wyandotte Cnty Friends of Yates Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center (domestic violence) 913-321-0951 9. 10. Johnson Cnty SAFEHOME (domestic violence) 888-432-4300 or 913-262-2868 913-642-0233 or 816-531-0233 11. MOCSA Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (sexual assault) 12. Mattie Rhodes Mattie Rhodes Center iSi Se Puede! (domestic violence) 816-241-3780 (not a crisis line) 816-561-0550 13. KCAVP Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (LGBT services) The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center (sexual assault) 785-843-8985 14. Lawrence 15. Lawrence The Willow Domestic Violence Center (domestic violence) 800-770-3030 or 785-843-3333 16. Leavenworth **Alliance Against Family Violence** 800-644-1441 or 913-682-9131 17. Liberal LARC/DVS, Inc. 620-624-8818 18. Manhattan The Crisis Center, Inc. 800-727-2785 or 785-539-2785 19. Mayetta Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Violence Prevention Program 866-966-0173 20. Newton Safehope, Inc. 800-487-0510 or 316-283-0350 21. Pittsburg Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc. 800-794-9148 or 620-231-8251 22. Salina Domestic Violence Assoc. of Central Kansas 800-874-1499 or 785-827-5862 23. Topeka YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment 888-822-2983 or 785-354-7927 24. Wichita Catholic Charities Harbor House (domestic violence) 866-899-5522 or 316-263-6000 25. Wichita StepStone (domestic violence) 316-265-1611 26. Wichita 877-927-2248 or 316-263-3002 Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (sexual assault) 27. Wichita Wichita Family Crisis Center (domestic violence) 316-267-7233

No accredited services in this area. If you are in need of advocacy services in Atchison, Brown, Nemaha, and Doniphan counties, call the surrounding advocacy programs or the 24/7 Kansas Crisis Hotline at 1-888-363-2287.

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