

In the U.S., one in four women will experience domestic violence in her life; one in four teenagers, both boys and girls, will experience violence in a dating relationship before graduating from high school.

Domestic violence does not discriminate and can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, income, social status, education level, health status, or profession.

Domestic violence is a specific and deliberate pattern of behavior for the sole purpose of establishing and maintaining power and control over another person in an intimate relationship.

Founded in 1976, A Woman's Place (AWP) is the only domestic violence agency in Bucks County, Pa.

AWP provides a full range of assistance and support services for domestic violence victims and their children, including a free 24-hour confidential hotline, a full-service residential shelter, individual and group counseling, legal and medical advocacy, and a children's project.

As domestic violence affects everyone in a community, AWP provides comprehensive community-based domestic violence awareness and prevention training, education, outreach, and advocacy.

**Free, Private, and Confidential
24-hour hotline
1.800.220.8116**

**Administrative Office
215.343.9241**

**Bristol Outreach Office
215.781.9134**

**Full Circle Thrift Store
215.340.0120**

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What You Should Know About



Violence



**Free, Private,
and Confidential**



**Shelter, Service,
and Support**

**Community
Based**



**Advocacy,
Outreach,
and Education**



A Woman's Place

How is Your Relationship?

Does your partner:

- Embarrass you with put-downs?
- Look at you or act in ways that scare you?
- Control what you do, who you see or talk to, or where you go?
- Stop you from seeing your friends or family members?
- Take your money, make you ask for money, or refuse to give you money?
- Make all of the decisions?
- Tell you that you're a bad parent or threaten to take away or hurt your children?
- Prevent you from working or attending school?
- Act like the abuse is no big deal, it's your fault, or even deny doing it?
- Destroy your property or threaten to kill your pets?
- Intimidate you with guns, knives, or other weapons?
- Shove you, slap you, strangle you, or hit you?
- Force you to drop charges?
- Threaten to commit suicide?
- Threaten to kill you?

If you answered “yes” to even one of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship.

Power and Control Abuse is a choice, used to gain power and control over another person. Abuse is a pattern of behavior that can be physical, psychological, sexual, economic, or other selective acts of violence (such as destroying property or possessions, hurting pets, etc.). The Power and Control Wheel effectively outlines the entire scope of abuse, from verbal to emotional to physical. It is not an exhaustive list of abusive tactics, and each one does not apply to every person experiencing abuse. *Please note, while domestic violence can happen to anyone, nationally, 85% of reported cases involve a woman being abused by a man. To that end, “she” or “her” is used in this version of the Power and Control Wheel.*

