



Handout

Session Acts of domestic violence

Physical violence is obviously the most visible type of violence and can have serious consequences leading to injury and even death. However, sexual and psychological violence that affects a person's emotional well-being can be as devastating leading to live-long harm, suicide as well as homicide (in this case murder of the abuser).

Domestic violence can be defined as:

Domestic violence is referred to as physical, sexual, mental (including insults, threats and isolation) and economical violence or abuse carried out by one (or more) persons in order to control another person(s) living in that household.



Definition of a household:

A household consists of the following persons:

- Spouses (the persons who are legally married or unmarried but living with each other as husband and wife within one household)
- Dependent children (including own children, adopted children)
- Any person living under the same roof of the house (on the household premises) and who are dependent on the household including live-in family -elderly, uncles, aunts- and domestic servants.

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