

Warning Signs of Domestic Violence

Batterer

These are some characteristics common to perpetrators of domestic violence.

Extreme Jealousy
Controlling Behavior
Unpredictable Behavior
Unrealistic Expectations
Isolates Victim
Blames Others
Minimizes or Denies Abuse
Hypersensitive

Cruel to Children or Animals
Uses Force During Sex
Verbally Abusive
Sudden Mood Swings
Past History of Battering
Threatens Violence
Breaks or Strikes Objects
Uses Force During an Argument

Victim

Victims often display these characteristics. The longer the abuse continues, the more extreme these characteristics become.

Physical Signs of Injury
Low Self-Esteem
Depression
Isolated From Family & Friends
Blames Self
Suffers from Anxiety
Abusive Toward Others

Neglects Self or Children
Feels Hopeless
Makes Excuses for Batterer
Suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
Self-Medicates With Drugs or Alcohol



If someone you know needs help, call
1-800-799-SAFE
Or

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601-932-4198, 800-266-4198

Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

Children of all ages are negatively impacted by domestic abuse. There are no exceptions to this rule. This is a limited list of consequences some children suffer from abuse in the home.

Physical

Physical Abuse
Chronic Head Aches
Stomach or Digestive Problems
Bedwetting
Increased or Decreased Appetite
Trouble Sleeping
Hair Pulling or Nail Biting
Developmental Delays

Behavioral, Social & Emotional

Aggressive	Depression
Angry	Low Self-Esteem
Hostile	Nightmares
Oppositional Behavior	Phobias
Fear	Passive or Clingy
Anxiety	Role Reversal
Withdrawal	Poor Impulse Control

Cognitive Problems

Lower Cognitive Functioning
Poor School Performance
Lack of Conflict Resolution Skills
Pro-Violence Attitude
Belief in Rigid Gender Stereotypes

Long-term effects on children include a higher rate of adult depression, and an increased tolerance for violence in relationships. Boys raised in abusive homes often grow up to be abusers; and girls raised in abusive homes often grow up to be victims.