## Batterer/Abuser Rating

Level #1 Offender Those that only commit verbal abuse

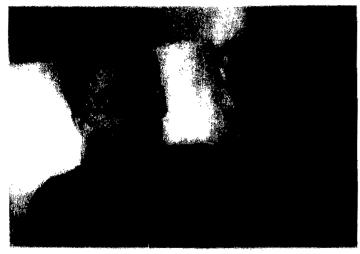
### Level #2 Offender Those that commit abuse (except physical & sexual abuse) only in the home

#### Level #3 Offender

Those that are only violent within the home

#### Level #4 Offender

Those who are violent inside and outside the home



Resources & Services

Emergency - 911 - Police 24 Hour Domestic Violence Hot Line - 1-800-700-7233 Help For Women Batterers/Abusers - 1 - 866-593-9999 Help For Male Batterers/Abusers - 1 - 800-245-4580 Drug/Alcohol Helpline - 1-877-217-3903 Mental Health Problem Helpline 1-800-784-2433 Suicide Helpline - 1-800-273-8255





Intimate Partner Violence - Relationship Abuse - Dating Abuse & Violence

# Prevention

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#### Presentation

Domestic Violence Prevention The Shower of Power Safety - Protection – Treatment - Resources

Introduction Hot Topics - Domestic Violence Purpose of Battering Domestic Violence Statistics Most Breakups Don't End Friendly Help With Anger Problems Benefits of a Happy Relationship Cycle of Violence & Abuse Men Are Victims of Abuse Also Domestic Violence Laws Similarities of DV and Drug/Alcohol Addiction Characteristics of a Batterer/Abuser & Victim Abuser's 8 Step Recovery Cycle Abuser's 10 Step Relapse Prevention Cycle Victim's 16 Step Cycle of Abuse & Recovery Victim's Ten Step Relapse Prevention Cycle Treatment Plan for Abusers The Pledge of Respect

#### Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

Abuse committed against a spouse, former co-habitant or a person with whom the victim has a child or has had a dating relationship. Abuse may escalate with angly words, a shove or slap. It may escalate into a pattern of assaults and controlling attacks against the victim, children, property and/or pets.Research has shown that this pattern of control and abuse increased in frequency and severity over time. Studies have shown that arrest, jail, probation/parole and Restraining Orders deter many abusers from physically abusing their partners/ex-partners again.

The purpose of battering is to instill fear, intimidate and control behavior, not to leave bruises. Some of the most effective batterers do not beat: they db not need to, at lease not very often. Threats and hostile looks to spouses, partners and children, serve the very same purpose: to control behavior through fear and to keep victims trapped in the Cycle of Violence.



<u>Common Traits Among Batterers</u> Witnessing or suffering abuse as a child Rigid traditional beliefs Abuses alcohol and/or drugs Difficulty in accepting responsibility Low self-esteem Excessively critical Mental/emotional problems Short fuse/anger management problems