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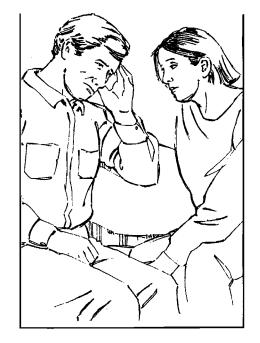
Problems frequently given for <u>divorce and break-ups</u>

Physical Abuse Infidelity – Cheating Emotional Abuse Addictions Financial Difficulties

A declining economy may consist of the following:

Layoffs Furloughs Salary Reduction Employee Terminations Loses in Financial Investments Increases in Spousal & Child Support Reduction in Medical, Dental, Retirement And Other Benefits





A declining economy may be very stressful causing abuse and break-ups in a relationship.

Illustrations by Channing Bete Company Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800--799-(SAFE)7233 Individual, Group, and Couple Counseling: 1-818-788-8667 Effects of stress can make you cranky, irritable, and abusive to your partner and others.

Verbal Abuse Physical Abuse Emotional Abuse Child Abuse & Neglect Elder Abuse & Neglect Excessive Drinking & Smoking



Ways to relieve stress

Eat Properly Learn to Relax Get Enough Sleep Exercise Regularly See your health provider Manage your time wisely Talk to a counselor/therapist







Sexual Problems and/or Dysfunction Problems at Work and the Community Neglect of Your Own & Family's Medical Needs Excessive Use of Prescribed and/or Non-Prescribed Drugs Financial Education Counseling may help reduce financial stress, which involves knowing and understanding the often complex principles of earnings, spending, saving, and investments.



Key Points

Never buy anything you can't afford Never invest in anything you don't understand Trust your gut feeling – some things are too good to be true If the abuse begins or continues by your partner, develop a Safety, Escape, & Protection Plan from the abuser.

Safety Plan – What to do when you/children are threatened by abuse and/or violence in the home

Escape Plan - Develop a safe plan for leaving the abuser



Protection Plan – After leaving the abuser plan to keep him from contacting you. The Criminal Court/Family Court can issue a Restraining Order or Stay Away Order.

