



## Abusive Behavior List

**Intimate Partner Violence** is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion, that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners.

<b>Physical Abuse</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spitting</li> <li>• shaking</li> <li>• grabbing</li> <li>• shoving</li> <li>• pushing</li> <li>• throwing</li> <li>• hitting open-handed</li> <li>• hitting close-handed</li> <li>• burning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• restraining</li> <li>• poking</li> <li>• blocking escape</li> <li>• choking</li> <li>• hitting with objects</li> <li>• beating</li> <li>• kicking</li> <li>• using weapons</li> <li>• controlling a victim's access to health resources, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• persistently pressuring for sex</li> <li>• forcing sex in front of others</li> <li>• physically forcing or harming the victim sexually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coercing sex through a variety of tactics</li> <li>• forcing sex with children or third parties</li> </ul>
<b>Psychological Abuse</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• violent acts against children or others to control the intimate partner</li> <li>• threats of violence against victims, others, or self; intimidation through attacks against pets or property</li> <li>• yelling</li> <li>• stalking</li> <li>• controlling the victim's activities</li> <li>• isolating the victim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• controlling the victim through immigration status</li> <li>• controlling the victim's access to resources (e.g., health care, medications, automobile, friends, schooling, jobs, child care, etc.)</li> <li>• emotional abuse</li> <li>• forcing the victim to do degrading things</li> <li>• controlling the victim's schedules, including health appointments, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Use of Economics</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• withholding funds</li> <li>• spending family funds</li> <li>• making most financial decisions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not contributing financially to the family</li> <li>• controlling the victim's access to health insurance, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Use of Children to Control Adult Victim</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hostage-taking of children</li> <li>• physical and sexual abuse of children</li> <li>• forcing children to engage in physical and psychological abuse of the adult victim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• custody fight</li> <li>• using visitation with children to monitor the adult victim, etc.</li> </ul>