SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP

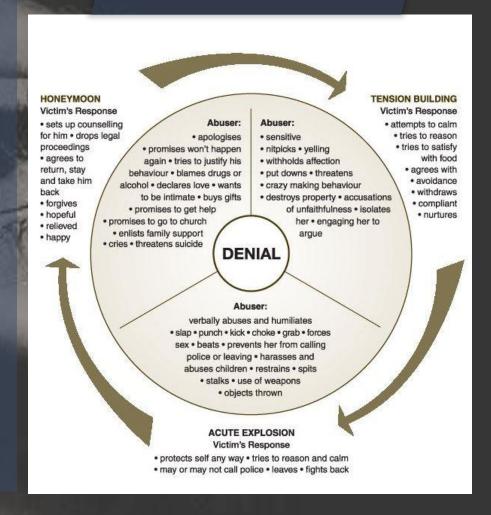
- unfairly and regularly accuses her of flirting or being unfaithful
- controls how she spends money
- decides what she wears or eats
- humiliates her in front of other people
- monitors what she is doing, including reading her emails and text messages
- discourages or prevents her from seeing friends and family
- threatens to hurt her, the children or pets
- physically assaults her (hitting, biting, slapping, kicking, pushing)
- vells at her
- threatens to use a weapon against her
- decides what she uses for birth control
- constantly criticises her intelligence, mental health and appearance

How to support someone you know

- try to understand her fears, her doubts, guilt or shame as well that the effect the cycle has on her rather than blame or judge
- break the isolation and maintain contact with her even if the abuser does everything to isolate her
- open the dialogue on her perception of the situation and never speak against the aggressor
- stay focused on her without ever making decisions in her place
- ask if she needs help from a support service and discuss her options if she requests it.



Violence and abuse can include emotional abuse, sexual abuse and financial abuse.



IF YOU WANT HELP, YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Find a Service in your Region

If you are not in immediate danger

BRITISH COLUMBIA
VictimLinkBC: 1-800-563-0808
Women Against Violence Against Women:

ALBERTA

Family violence info line: 310-1818

604-255-6344 or 1-877-392-7583

Alberta Council of Women's Shelter: 1-866-331-3933

SASKATCHEWAN

Professional Health Advice and Mental Health support: 811 Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Unit: 306-787-2733

MANITOBA

Klinic Crisis Line: 1-888-322-3019 Crisis line: 1-877-977-0007

ONTARIO

Fem'aide: 1-877-336-2433

Victim Support Line: 1-888-579-2888

OUÉBEC

S.O.S. violence conjugale: 1-800-363-9010

NEW BRUNSWICK

Emergency Social Services: 1-800-442-9799

NOVA SCOTIA

Provincial Victim Services Program: 1-888-470-0773

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Island Help Line: 1-800-218-2885

Anderson House Shelter crisis line: 1-800-240-9894

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Family Violence Prevention Services: 1-888-603-9100

RCMP: 1-800-709-7267



ENOUGH!