

## If you are a victim of...

- ⇒ Domestic violence
- ⇒ Sexual assault
- ⇒ Stalking
- ⇒ Elder abuse
- ⇒ Hate crimes
- ⇒ Child sexual abuse



### ***Tu Casa Can Help!***

Our free, confidential, bilingual services include:

- 24-Hour Hotline 719-589-2465
- Support & individual counseling for you & your children, including play therapy
- Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy to help you & your children heal from past trauma
- Emergency financial assistance, transportation, & supplies
- Emergency shelter & relocation services for you & your children
- Help filing a protection order & court accompaniment
- Referrals to other shelters, social services, medical services, & law enforcement
- Educational/Outreach presentations & materials available for schools, businesses, organizations, & individuals



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### **24-Hour Hotline 719-589-2465**

The Tu Casa Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide callers with advocacy & crisis intervention.

***You are not alone. Call us; we are here to help.***

Tu Casa is dedicated to non-discriminatory practices in provision of our services. Tu Casa does not discriminate against clients on the basis of age, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, color, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law.

## **Help for Male Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence**

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**24-Hour Hotline  
719-589-2465**

***All of our services are free, confidential, trauma-informed & available in English & Spanish.***

## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence can happen to anyone. It does not matter how much money you have, your race, religion, gender, sexual preference or age. It is a societal problem; not a personal one.

### Domestic violence may include:

- ⇒ **Isolation**—controlling behavior, isolation from family or friends, not allowing you to go anywhere alone, or being angry when you do.
- ⇒ **Threats**—to leave or kill you, commit suicide, take kids, or retaliate against you physically or by other means.
- ⇒ **Emotional Abuse**—put downs, name calling, minimizing your feelings, blame, humiliation, jealousy, accusations of cheating, unrealistic expectations.
- ⇒ **Physical & Sexual Abuse**—hits, shoves, kicks, strangulation, force in sex, jokes about affairs, withholds affection.
- ⇒ **Privilege**—treats you like a servant, does not allow you to make decisions, acts like a “master of the house.”
- ⇒ **Minimizing, Denying, & Blaming**—minimizing abuse, denying it happened, blaming you for abuse.
- ⇒ **Financial Control**—prevents you from getting/keeping a job, restricts access to money or takes your money, gives you an allowance.



*I thought no one would believe me, but I found out I wasn't alone.*

-Male Domestic Violence Survivor

*Look at your children.* If the relationship is not one you would want for them, you have to show them that you believe you deserve better or they won't believe they deserve better.

*You have to learn what a healthy relationship is so you can teach them.*

-Domestic Violence Survivor



## Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

- ⇒ Children learn behavior from their parents. When there is violence in the home, children are at a higher risk of repeating those patterns— they can grow up to be violent & to accept violence & disrespect as normal in their relationships.
- ⇒ Children who witness domestic violence are 4 times more likely to be arrested in the future & 8 times more likely to commit suicide.
- ⇒ Children who experience/witness domestic violence may experience:
  - ◆ Slowed development
  - ◆ Running away from home
  - ◆ Fear, anger
  - ◆ Aggressive language & behavior
  - ◆ Poor school performance
  - ◆ Substance abuse
  - ◆ Low self-esteem
  - ◆ Self-blame for the abuse
  - ◆ Difficulty relating to peers

### Not sure if your relationship is healthy?

If you need to talk about your relationship, or would like more information, call Tu Casa at 719-589-2465 or visit our website to take our Healthy Relationship Quiz: [www.slv Tucasa.net/test](http://www.slv Tucasa.net/test)

## What is Sexual Assault?

### Sexual assault includes:

- ⇒ **Unwanted Sexual Contact**
  - ◆ May include penetration with genitals, fingers, or objects
  - ◆ Touching, fondling, or grabbing private parts (over or under clothing)
  - ◆ Can occur between marital spouse, date, acquaintance, or stranger
- ⇒ The victim (adult or child) is **forced, coerced, &/or manipulated** to participate in unwanted sexual activity.
- ⇒ The victim is **unable to give consent** due to age, mental or physical incapacity, which includes being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, asleep, frightened, or disabled.

*I was so ashamed. This isn't supposed to happen to men.*

- Male Sexual Assault Survivor

### REMEMBER:

- ⇒ **Trust yourself** & your instincts even if you cannot remember fully what happened.
- ⇒ **Get medical attention** for injuries, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases & HIV.
- ⇒ If you decide to **report to the police**, put clothing in a brown paper bag & DO NOT SHOWER!! This will help preserve the evidence.
- ⇒ **Call Tu Casa** for support & resources. We can provide options, counseling, & help in the criminal justice process.