

Domestic Abuse

- Domestic Abuse cannot exist within the context of mutual respect. It is based on the issues of power and control whereby one partner feels justified in dominating and exerting control over the other.
- A home environment in which such power and control problems exist has a direct and dramatic on a child's ability to succeed academically.
- All DoD personnel are mandated reporters and must report suspected cases of spouse/partner and child abuse.

Am I or someone I know in an abusive relationship?

Does your partner...

- Embarrass you in front of other people?
- Blame you for how he/she feels or acts?
- Use threats or intimidations to get you to obey?
- Grab, shove, push, hit, hold you down, or throw things on you?
- Pressure or force you sexually for things you are not willing to do?
- Stop you from seeing your friends or family?
- Call you or text you several times or show up to make sure where you said you would be?

Do you...

- Stay in the relationship as a result of fear?
- Feel anxious or nervous about what you do and say around your partner?
- Try to please your partner rather than yourself in order to avoid being hurt?
- Feel like you can help your partner change if you change something about yourself?
- Try to do what your partner wants you to do to not make him/her angry or cause a fight?
- Feel isolated and alone and have no one to really talk to?

Foreign Spouse Protection

The U.S. laws protect an abused non-U.S. citizen spouse from being threatened by an abuser that she/he will be deported if they report the abuse or try to get help. **Contact Victim Advocates: 843-228-4784/4110 or 843-592-0646 (after hours) for help about foreign spouse protections.**

Military Protective Orders

If the abuse is going on right now, contact law enforcement at **(PMO), 228-0344 (MCRD PI) and 228-6710 (MCAS) or 9-1-1 immediately**. The police are trained to handle these situations 24/7.

If you think or know there is an abuse, Victim Advocates can help you implement a Military Protective Order (MPO) to keep your abuse Service Member partner away for at least 72 hours, which can provide you time to file a longer protective order or decide what to do. Do not wait to get help; **contact Victim Advocates at 843-228-2784/4110 or 843-592-0646 (after hours) for more information.**

Bar to Base

In situations where a Service Member is being abused by their civilian spouse a bar to base might be implemented to keep the victim safe. **Contact Victim Advocates at 843-228-2784/4110 or 843-592-0646 (after hours) for more information.**

Transitional Compensation for abused family members

Transitional Compensation is a congressionally authorized program which provides an offender's family with pay, medical benefits, and access to the Exchange and Commissary for up to three years. **Contact Victim Advocates at 843-228-2784/4110 or 843-592-0646 (after hours) for more information on eligibility, benefits and application packets for Transitional Compensation.**

Reporting Options for Adult Victims of Domestic Abuse

Unrestricted Reporting

Victim of Domestic Abuse pursues an official investigation of the incident through Chain of Command, Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and Law Enforcement.

Victim advocacy and clinical intervention services are offered to the victim upon notification of the reported incident. At victim's request, the healthcare provider will conduct a forensic medical examination deemed appropriate. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know. **Please contact Victim Advocates at 843-228-2784/4110 or 843-592-0646 (after hours) for more information.**

Restricted Reporting

The details of the abuse are disclosed to specifically identified individuals. Victim receives medical treatment and victim advocacy services, without informing the alleged offender's commander or law enforcement. For restricted reporting, victim should be reporting the abuse to a Victim Advocate, Clinical Counsel, Chaplain or a healthcare provider. **Please contact Victim Advocates at 843-228-2784/4110 or 843-592-0646 (after hours) for more information.**