

Knowing Your Responsibilities: Addressing Domestic Violence



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Topics



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- **Remedies for immigrant survivors**
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Domestic Violence: Social Definition



- Domestic 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.

Domestic Violence: Legal Definition



The criminal law defines domestic violence as doing any of the following to a Family or Household Member (ORC 2919.25):

- Knowingly causing or attempting to cause physical harm
- Recklessly causing serious physical harm
- By threat of force knowingly causing another to believe the offender will cause imminent physical harm

Prevalence of Domestic Violence



- 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence at some point in her lifetime
- 60% of Korean women who had immigrated reported they had been battered by their husbands
- 48% of Latinas reported that their partner's violence had increased towards them since immigrating

Ohio Domestic Violence Stats



- **74,842 DV calls were made to police in 2011**
 - 38,328 resulted in arrest under 2919.25
 - 5,974 were arrested under other statutes
 - 30,540 resulted in no arrest
- **19,280 New CPOs were filed for in 2010**
- **37 victims of domestic violence were killed in 2011**

Tactics of Domestic Violence



- Intimidation
- Emotional Abuse
- Isolation
- Minimizing, Denying & Blaming
- Using the Children
- Economic Abuse
- Using Privilege
- Coercion & Threats
- Physical & Sexual Abuse

Reporting Domestic Violence



- Family and Friends
- Religious/Spiritual leader
- Domestic Violence program
- Law Enforcement
- Healthcare provider
- ODJFS case worker

Domestic Violence Shelter



- **Services are FREE including food, clothing and shelter**
- **Interpreters are provided to you, if needed, for FREE**
- **Advocates will work with the survivor on developing safety plan, accessing legal resources, linkage with other agencies**

State Remedies for Immigrant Survivors



- **Civil Protection Order**
 - Can be issued for up to 5 years
 - Can cover the children as well as the adult survivor
 - Can give access to property
- **Temporary Protection Order (Criminal)**
 - Only in place until criminal court case is decided (dismissal, plea bargain, guilty plea)
- **Stalking Protection Order**
 - Non family members
 - 2 or more incidents closely related in time

Federal Remedies for Immigrant Survivors



- **VAWA Self Petition (Violence Against Women Act)**
 - Must be married to a US citizen or LPR
 - Survivor can file for own citizenship
- **U Visa – Federal crime victim**
 - Unmarried or partner is here on a visa or undocumented
 - Must be willing to cooperate with prosecution
- **T Visa – Trafficking victim**