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# What is Intimate Partner Violence?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is "behavior within a close relationship that causes physical, psychological or sexual harm; includes violence by both current and former partners". We hope this resource guide can help support victims and supporters of victims as they navigate this difficult time.

### 25 years



69% of female and 53% of male victims have their 1st experience before this age

**Economic Abuse** 

**Physical Abuse** 

**Types & Forms of Abuse** 

Sexual

# **Cycle of Abuse**



taken place

Reconciliation

Abuser apologizes, gives excuses,

blames victim, denies the abuse

occurred

### **Tension Building**

The abuser creates tension and victim becomes fearful and feels the need to placate the abuser

### Incident

Verbal, emotional and psychological abuse, intimidation, anger, blame

# **Signs of IPV**

- The abuser insults or shame the victim,
- They may prevent the victim from making
- Destroy belongings or one's safe place

## Ways to Provide Support

**Emotional Abuse** 



#### **Emotional Support**

- difficult
- Not judging their decisions
- Remember it is not your job to "rescue" the victim
- Support them even if they do go back to their partner



### Mental Support

- Acknowledging that the situation is scary and Help identify a support network to assist with physical needs (housing, food, healthcare)
  - Help them create a "to-go bag" in case of an emergency
  - Encourage them to reach out for help
  - Help them learn about their legal rights

### **Resources & Support**



1.800.799.SAFE (7233)



24 Hrs Multilingual Hotline 617.338.2355

• Help create a safety plan



Mental