

Stop Violence Against Deaf



It doesn't matter if you are
deaf or hearing
Nobody deserves to be abused

What is Violence

- ▶ Violence is frightening
- ▶ Violence is control
- ▶ Violence - not their fault
- ▶ Violence is hard to talk to someone about it
- ▶ Violence is crime
- ▶ Violence is hurting
- ▶ Violence is crying
- ▶ Violence is not love
- ▶ Violence makes you feel small and ashamed
- ▶ Violence is scared

Emotional Abuse

- ▶ Makes you scared, frightened
- ▶ calls names (hopeless/ fat/no good/stupid)
- ▶ refuses to let you see your family and friends
- ▶ hurts your feeling in front of other people and at home

Sexual Abuse

- ▶ rape - force you to have sex when you don't want to have sex (married or not)
- ▶ incest - children forced to have sex with family member who has power over them
- ▶ force you to watch sex videos
- ▶ touching your private parts when you don't want

When can Violence Happen?

- ▶ baby
- ▶ little girl or boy
- ▶ teenager
- ▶ young adult
- ▶ senior citizen (middle age)
- ▶ anytime



Why violence does happen?

- ▶ Don't care about how you feel
- ▶ Most violence happen done by men
- ▶ Some violence by women
- ▶ need to feel power
- ▶ control over others
- ▶ use their anger to hurt or hit others
- ▶ no respect
- ▶ not accepting responsibility
- ▶ Won't accept they have problems
- ▶ Called bad names

there is help st

there is no excuse for violence

Where violence can happen?

Education

University, TAFE, Secondary School, Primary School

Home

Hostel, Community House, Home, Foster Home

Anywhere!

Who people can hurt you?

Home

Husband, Wife, Defacto, Partners, Residential Care Workers

Relationship

Girlfriend, Boyfriend, Family members

Work

Boss, Staff, Supervisor, Colleagues, Co-workers

Other People

Teachers, Pastoral Care Workers, Nightclubs, Pubs, Restaurants, Social outings, People, Shopping

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Your Rights

- 
- ▶ Respect and confidentiality
 - ▶ to feel safe
 - ▶ go somewhere safe
 - ▶ believe it is not your fault
 - ▶ ring police with interpreter
 - ▶ tell close friend/family who you trust
 - ▶ normal to feel sad, guilty, blame or ashamed
 - ▶ deaf people don't deserve the blame
 - ▶ see counselling
 - ▶ ring for help

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Where to find help?

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service

(for women escaping violence)

Phone: 9373 0123

Centre Against Sexual Assault

Services for people in past or present sexual abuse, rape

270 Cardigan Street, Carlton, 3054

Phone: 9349 2466 TTY

Police (24 hours)

Phone: 9663 5610

VicDeaf

101 Wellington Pde Sth., East Melbourne, 3002

Phone: 9657 8130 TTY

Phone: 9657 8111 Voice

24 Hours emergency after 5pm - 9am

Women Information - WIRE

Information, counselling for women

247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, 3000

Phone: 1300 134 130 Voice

Email: inforequests@wire.org.au

Child Protection Crisis Centre

Children protection for safety

Phone: 13 12 78 Voice

Lifeline (24 hours)

9662 9030 TTY

Suicide Prevention Line 1300 651 251

Men referral: 9428 2899

(for men with violence)

CareRing 136 169 Voice

Domestic Violence & Incest Resource Centre

Leaflets, information and referral

Phone 9417 1255 TTY

Email: dvirc@dvirc.org.au