



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING BEHIND THE CLOSED DOORS OF COUPLES, THAT MAY SEEM PERFECT?

HOW CAN WE DESCRIBE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a type of violence, **occurring**¹ between close people sharing the same household. It is a type of relationship between a **rapist**² and a **victim**³. The rapist usually takes the advantage to hold power over the victim. This type of violence is usually **committed**⁴ on a partner, but it can also be performed on children, parents or other members of the same household.

KINDS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The victim can **perambulate**⁵ several types of domestic violence: physical (beating, choking, cutting, denying food and sleep,...), psychological, social, sexual and economic abuse.

WHAT WE CANNOT SEE BUT OTHERS FEEL?

Domestic violence is not generally noticeable, because it is commonly being performed in private. That is one of the main reasons, why the victim is afraid of talking and bringing this subject up. The victim can also be **frightened**⁶ about reporting the rapist and the consequences it may cause.

SIGNS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence can be recognized in early stages. The violence repeats itself and it happens on a long term. You cannot identify if you are being a victim of domestic violence from a single **attack**⁷, but it can be just the beginning of serious attacks. The attacks may **escalate**⁸ soon and you will be able to identify

who the victim is and who the **abuser**⁹ is in the conflicts.

WHY IS THE VICTIM STAYING?

Walk away from the abuser? It is **martyrdom**¹⁰ for abused people.

A lot of people can be asking themselves why the victim is staying! Why cannot they leave? Well, it is not as easy as it may appear to be.

Many victims don't want to admit that they are victims at all. They are also frightened of what awaits them; unpleasant police **interrogations**¹¹, lengthy court **proceedings**¹², visiting social workers and psychologists. All of this takes a long period of time and the end is out of sight so the victim cannot get rid of the problem immediately. It is demanding and time-consuming. **Thus**¹³, many women change their mind about leaving a violent partner and decide to stay in the same household with him.

It can also be harder for the victim to leave the abuser when children are included.

The victim may worry about their finances, background, their health and health of their children, **BUT REMEMBER...**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! ASK FOR HELP!

If you are in danger, call **helpline for victims of crime and domestic violence** immediately to a phone number **+420 116 006**.

Remember you are **not alone** and **your life** does not have to include violence and abuse.



IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYBODY



RIHANNA

When Rihanna and her boyfriend were driving to Grammys in a Lamborghini, Chris Brown (her boyfriend) **assaulted**¹⁴ her after Rihanna saw a text message from his ex-girlfriend. Firstly, he attempted to force Rihanna out of the vehicle, but she had her seat belt on. For this reason, it was impossible for Brown to get her out of the vehicle. Therefore he took his right hand and **shoved**¹⁵ her head against the passenger window causing an **approximate**¹⁶ one inch raised **circular contusion**¹⁷. Another series of attacks followed after that... The assault caused Rihanna's mouth to fill with blood and blood to splatter all over her clothing and the interior of the vehicle.

Despite everything that had happened to them, nothing stopped them from becoming the person they are today.

"At any given moment you have the power to say this is not how the story is going to end." – Christine Mason Miller



JOHNY DEPP

"In 2022 Johnny Depp was reported by his ex-wife Amber Heard for domestic violence. However, it was revealed that Johnny Depp was in fact the victim, after which he won the court.

HALE BERRY

"In 2004 Hale Berry admitted to having been hit so hard by one of her ex-boyfriends that she lost hearing in her right ear."

MADONNA

"1980s was a tough time for Madonna when she was crushed by then-husband Sean Penn and his volatile temperament, who allegedly beat her for nine straight hours in one incident."

PHIL HARTMAN

"Phil Hartman was murdered by his wife-shot in the head, neck and arm as he laid sleeping in their home in 1998."



Vocabulary

- ¹**occurring** [uh-kur-ing] - happening
- ²**rapist** ['reɪpɪst] – a person who commits violence
- ³**victim** [vik-tim] - a person who suffers from a destructive or injurious action or agency
- ⁴**committed** [kuh-mit] – to perform
- ⁵**perambulate** [per-am-byuh-leyt] – to walk through
- ⁶**frightened** [frahyt-nd] - fearful
- ⁷**attack** [uh-tak] – to abuse violently or bitterly
- ⁸**escalate** [es-kuh-leyt] - to increase in intensity
- ⁹**abuser** [uh-byoos-er] – a person who treats others in a harmful way
- ¹⁰**martyrdom** [mahr-ter-duhm] – extreme suffering
- ¹¹**interrogations** [in-ter-uh-gey-shuhn] – the act of questioning
- ¹²**proceedings** [pruh-see-ding] - a series of activities or events
- ¹³**thus** [thuhs] – in this way
- ¹⁴**assaulted** [uh-sawlt-id] - attacked
- ¹⁵**shoved** [shuhv] – pushed roughly
- ¹⁶**approximate** [uh-prok-suh-mit] – nearly exact
- ¹⁷**circular contusion** [sur-kyuh-ler kuh-too-zhuhn] – a roundabout bruise