Who Is an Abuser?
Abusers can be loving and pleasant people when you first meet them. They may be kind to you in public, but abusive when you are alone with them. They may apologize immediately after hurting you, but any abuse—even if it occurs once and seems out of character—can be signs of worse treatment to come.

Types of Abuse
Abuse can take shape in many ways. If you answer YES to any of these questions, you can get help.

• Does your partner keep or take your paycheck against your wishes?
• Does your partner check your cell phone for calls/texts or question where you are when not with them?
• Has your partner restricted the time you spend with friends or family?
• Are you afraid of your partner?
• Does your partner lose their temper often or when drunk?
• Does your partner scream at you or break things near you?
• Has your partner ever pushed or punched you? Choked or slapped you? Bitten or burned you? Grabbed you or pulled your hair?
  • Has your partner forced you to have sex or give them pleasure when you didn't want to?
• Has your partner threatened to hurt or kill you? Or to kill themselves if you leave?

IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911.

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Domestic Violence Office
PO Box 14373
Seattle, WA 98114
Phone: (206) 721-0243
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Hotlines (24 hours)
Russian, Romanian, and Ukrainian: (206) 954-2903
Somali: (206) 310-5841
Vietnamese: (206) 351-8809
Amharic and Tigrigna: (206) 495-5256

Languages Supported
Amharic  Lao  Swahili
Tigrigna  Burmese  Kikuyu
Somali  Arabic  Italian
Russian  French  Dari
Romanian  German  Pashto
Ukrainian  Spanish  Farsi
Thai  Vietnamese  

Is someone hurting you?
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Your confidentiality is our priority.
What Is Domestic Violence?
Domestic violence happens when a person in an intimate relationship believes they have the right to control and criticize the feelings, behavior, and/or actions of another person. Their violence or way of controlling can happen in different forms: physical, sexual, and/or emotional. You do not have to feel ashamed if you are being hit. You are not to blame.

Your Rights
Domestic violence and abuse are illegal in the United States. Domestic violence victims are protected by law.

What To Do
- Talk to somebody you trust: a friend, relative, or someone from your job or faith community.
- Call a 24-hour crisis intervention service. They can provide information about domestic violence and your legal options, including prosecution or how to obtain a personal protection order. They offer counseling and support groups.
- Create a safety plan for you and your family.

YOU are the expert about your own life. Don’t let anyone talk you into doing something that is not right or safe for you.

ReWA’s Domestic Violence Program
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- Cultural and linguistic support in 20 languages, including hotlines in seven (7) different languages
- Assistance with applying for protection orders and developing safety plans
- Support groups and mental health counseling for women who have experienced violence or who are at risk of violence
- Referral to community resources, housing services, and emergency shelters
- Community education and outreach to increase awareness of and help prevent domestic violence and sexual assault in refugee and immigrant communities
- Consultation and training to service providers and law enforcement agencies

Every year we help more than 1,000 survivors leave their abusers and start a new life.

Resources
Emergency
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Peace in the Home Helpline 1 (888) 847-7205
Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services (ADWAS) (206) 922-7088
API Chaya Helpline (877) 922-4292 / Office (206) 467-9976
Consejo Counseling & Referral Services (206) 461-4880
Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse (206) 568-7777
Seattle Indian Health Board (206) 324-9360
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233

Housing/Shelters
Broadview Emergency Shelter (206) 299-2500
Domestic Abuse Women’s Network (DAWN) 1 (877) 465-7234
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