

WYOMING VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

Pursuant to § 1-40-204, as the victim of a crime, you are advised of the following:

- You have the right to be informed of the status of the case from the initial police investigation to the final appellate review.
- You have the right to know that financial assistance or other social service options may be available to you.
- You have the right to have an interpreter or translator to inform you of these rights.
- You have the right to know the name and official telephone number of the primary law enforcement officer assigned to investigate the case together with the official address and telephone number of the criminal justice agency investigating the case.

Refer to the back of this pamphlet to obtain this information.

- You have the right to seek legal counsel and to employ an attorney.

For assistance with these rights, contact the officer assigned to your case, the Victim Assistance Program or the District Attorney's office.

Additionally, you have the right to be informed of other rights enumerated in this act, to include:

- The right to be treated with compassion, respect and sensitivity within the criminal justice system.
- The right to know the whereabouts of the defendant.
- The right to receive restitution from offenders.
- The right to know all rights under this law including information about services and victim assistance at the local level.
- The right to reasonable protection and safety and the right to know of legal recourse if threatened.
- The right to prompt return of property.
- The right to preservation of employment while participating in the criminal justice process.
- The right to be informed about the opportunity to make a victim impact statement at the sentencing and parole hearings.
- The right to be present at trial.

You may also be contacted by the prosecuting attorney, the Department of Corrections, the Board of Parole, or other government agencies about additional victim rights.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Victim Assistance Coordinator
(CPD Victim Assistance Program) 637-6507

Safehouse 24 Hour Crisis Line 637-SAFE
(7233)

Division of Victim Services 777-7200

District Attorney
Victim/Witness Coordinator 633-4360

Peak Wellness Center 634-9653

Wyoming VINE 1-866-994-8463
WWW.VINELINK.COM

Wyoming VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) helps victims of crime obtain information about the custody status of their offender. VINE is a free service that is available 24-hours a day. VINE is available in English and Spanish and all registrations are confidential.

Follow-up Appointment

(If Applicable)

Date: _____ Time: _____ (AM / PM)

Location: _____

Officer: _____ Badge: _____

Phone: _____

Incident Number: _____

Cheyenne Police Department

415 W. 18th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001
Phone: 307-637-6500



CHEYENNE POLICE DEPARTMENT



NOTICE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM'S RIGHTS

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can ask the district attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to the circuit or district court and file a petition requesting any of the following orders for relief: (a) An order restraining your attacker from abusing you; (b) An order directing your attacker to leave your household; (c) An order preventing your attacker from entering your residence, school, business or place of employment; (d) An order awarding you or the other parent custody of or visitation with a minor child or children; (e) An order restraining your attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody; (f) An order directing the party not granted custody to pay support for minor children, or for support of the other party if that party has a legal obligation to do so.

You also have the right to sue for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical and moving expenses, loss of earnings or support and other out-of-pocket expenses for injuries sustained and damage to your property. This can be done without an attorney in small claims court if the total amount claimed is under \$6000.

For assistance you may contact:

Safehouse Services – 714 W. Fox Farm Rd.,
Cheyenne, WY 82007: 307-634-8655

Laramie County District Attorney's Office – 310 W.
19th St., Ste 320, Cheyenne, WY 82001: 307-633-4360

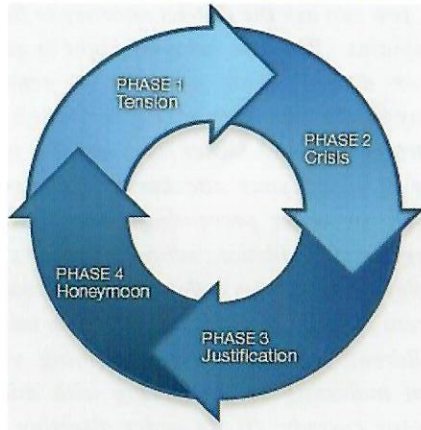
What is Domestic Violence?

POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are the most apparent forms of domestic violence and are usually the actions that allow others to become aware of the problem. However, regular use of other abusive behaviors by the batterer, when reinforced by one or more acts of physical violence, makes up a larger system of abuse. Although physical assaults may occur only once or occasionally, they instill threat of future violent attacks and allow the abuser to take control of the victim's life and circumstances.

The Power and Control diagram is a particularly helpful tool in understanding the overall pattern of abusive and violent behaviors, which are used by a batterer to establish and maintain control over his or her partner. Very often, one or more violent incidents are accompanied by an array of these other types of abuse. They are less easily identified, yet firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in the relationship.

CYCLE OF VIOLENCE



PHASE 1: TENSION

Perpetrators fly into a rage, give their partner threatening looks, and fall silent for long periods.

Victims feel anxious, try to lighten the atmosphere, and are careful about what they say and do.

PHASE 2: CRISIS

Perpetrators verbally, psychologically, physically, sexually or economically attack the other person.

Victims feel humiliated, sad and see the situation as unfair.

PHASE 3: JUSTIFICATION

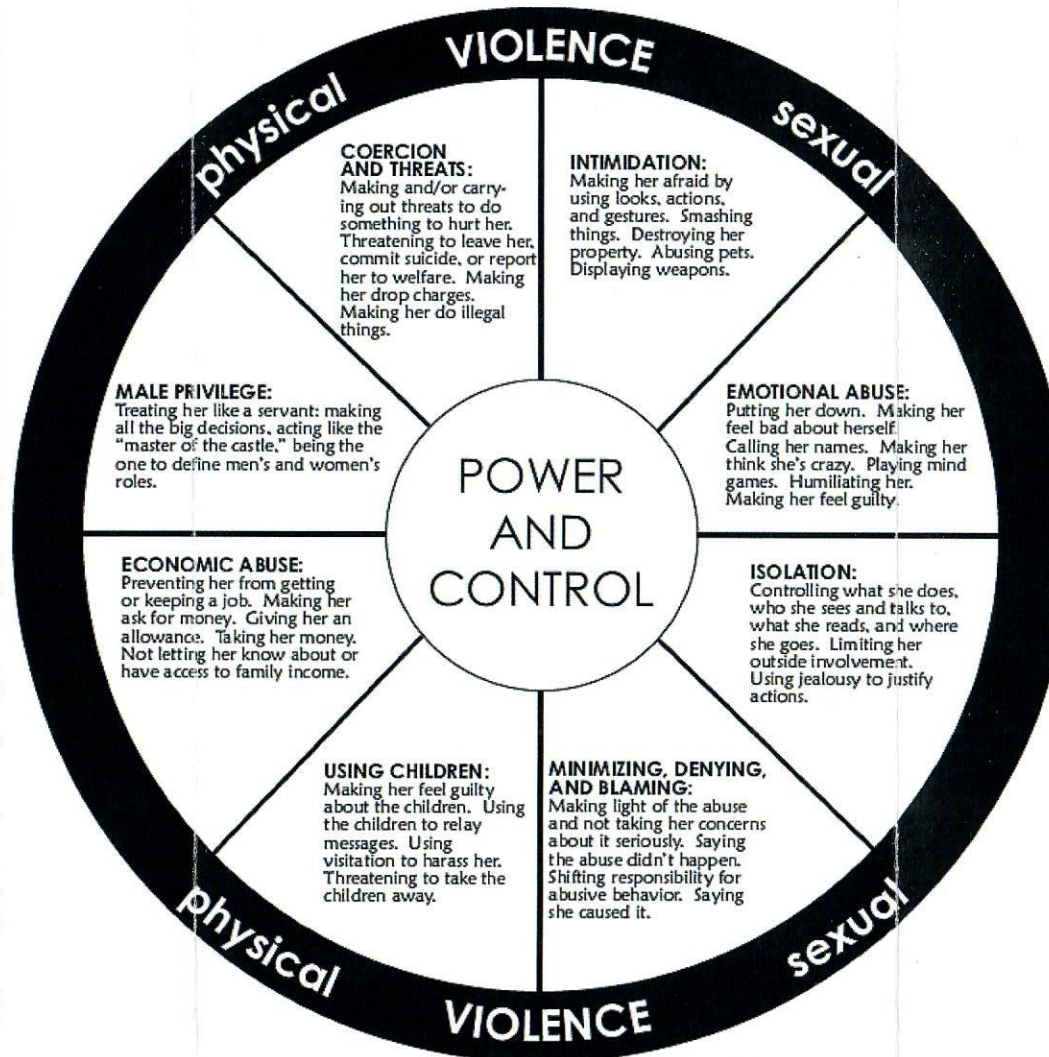
Perpetrators make excuses for their behavior.

Victims try to understand the explanations, help the perpetrator change, doubt their own perceptions and feel responsible for the situation.

PHASE 4: HONEYMOON

Perpetrators beg for forgiveness, talk about therapy or suicide, act like the abuse never happened and may give gifts to the victim.

Victims give the perpetrator another chance, offer help, acknowledge the perpetrator's efforts and modify their own behavior.



Adapted from:
Domestic Abuse Intervention Project

AM I A VICTIM?

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

SOURCE: USDOJ, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DOMESTIC ABUSE IS A CRIME!

Report all incidents of domestic violence to law enforcement. An arrest may be made if the following acts are committed against a household member in Wyoming: Domestic Assault, Domestic Battery, Aggravated Assault and Battery, or Reckless Endangering.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL PROTECTED

Contact Victim's Assistance or Safehouse for assistance with petitioning the court for an Order of Protection against your abuser. You may also use these resources to help you develop a Personalized Safety Plan.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Safehouse 24 Hour Crisis Line
(307) 637-7233