



DV

Is it my fault?

Let's think about domestic violence

Although the powder magazine has exploded all over the world at the present time, dispute at home has also increased. That is the act of domestic violence (DV) occurred in intimate relationships including spouses or someone you date with. "Say NO! to violence." Without caring your gender, social custom or social consciousness, shall we think about how we can make efforts to healthy family and relationship?

Do you know the abbreviated name "DV Law"?

—— It protects you from violence

The name "DV Law" is abbreviated from the official name, "Law for violence prevention from spouse and protection of victim from violence." This law is not only applied to violence to women but also to men. It protects you if you suffer violence by your husband or boyfriend. Despite violence by spouse has been overlooked as a domestic issue, this law emphasizes that abuse by spouse seriously violates human rights.

The below is the list of various violences. Do not keep your fear inside of your heart. You need to ask for help.

- ☆ **Physical violence** . . . Knocking and kicking. Throwing things or pushing you away.
- ☆ **Psychological violence** . . . Using abusive language and words like "How useless you are! Who feeds you food?"
- ☆ **Sexual abuse** . . . Forcing you sexual acts and ignoring contraception.
- ☆ **Economical abuse** . . . Not helping for living expenses. Taking victim's job away and putting him/her in weak economical status.
- ☆ **Abuse using child(ren)** . . . Taking child(ren) away from victim or harming child(ren).

Abuser commits a sin.

—— Not to be a victim

To endure violence is not virtue at all. Your right is to secure and respect yourself and child(ren). Please call for help. If your friend or family is troubled with violence, you should not tell the victim "patience is not enough" or admonish him/her only by your point of view. What we should do is to think about victim's side, give right information for DV and help him/her to get advices from DV consultation organization.

How to pull apart assailant from victim?

There are two useful ways.

- ☆ **Stay away order** . . . It forbids abuser to follow victim and hang around his/her house or workplace in the period of 6 month.
- ☆ **Order to vacate** . . . It orders abuser to vacate the residence shared by victim for 2 month. Also there is no allowance for the abuser to go around the house.



Please do not try to manage DV by yourself. Consultation service is always right there for you since it is first step to get out of DV issue.

- **Women's Support Center for DV (Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center)** . . . 0 4 8 - 6 0 0 - 6 0 6 0
- **Crime Victim Hotline** . . . 0 1 2 0 - 3 8 1 - 8 5 8
- **Police station near you** . . . area code + 0 1 1 0
- **Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center** . . . 0 4 9 - 2 6 9 - 6 4 5 0

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