

KNOW THE FACTS

What is domestic violence?

- Domestic violence (DV) is the abuse of one person in the family by another person in the family.
- Abusive behavior intended to control, harm or humiliate another person through physical and/or verbal assault.
- DV is not only physical abuse, but also emotional psychological, sexual, economic and /or social abuse

What causes domestic violence?

DV happens for many reasons but most commonly it is due to cultural beliefs about the position of women and men and how each should behave in society. Among these are the beliefs that:

- 1.Men should always be in control
- 2.Women are passive objects to be controlled physically or mentally
- 3.When a women and man marry, the woman becomes the man's property

These beliefs devalue women and the vary important role they play in family and wider society.

The domestic violence act was created in 1992 to provide better protection , especially to women and children, in DV cases. The act empowers the court to make protection orders and occupation orders in favor of victims of DV .

The Cornerstone Foundations offers counseling and emotional support, Domestic violence information, assistance and education, as well as resources for medical and legal assistance

For additional resources visit:

Women's Department, Human Development: Human development office

Corner of Mossiah and Victoria Street, San Ignacio 824-2098

Women's Issues Network of Belize

28 Dean Street PO Box 2471, Belize City, Belize 227-1069

Domestic Violence Unit

San Ignacio Police Department: 824-2022

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