

Services are available if you are being abused by an intimate partner or family member:

- ◆ The Crisis Centre **604-872-3311**

- ◆ BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors **604-437-1940**

- ◆ Kid's Help Phone **1-800-668-6868**

- ◆ Mental Health Emergency Services **604-874-7307**

- ◆ Ministry of Children & Family Development After Hours **604-660-4927**

- ◆ Multicultural Family Support Services Society **604-436-1025**

- ◆ Provincial Gay and Lesbian Helpline **1-800-566-1170**

- ◆ Re:ACT Adult Abuse & Neglect Response Resource **604-984-5958**

- ◆ Adult Protection Domestic Violence Social Worker VGH **604-875-5458**

If you are in danger, call police at 911.

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How you want to be treated.

Help for Victims of Domestic Violence

**Adult Protection Domestic
Violence Social Worker**
604-875-5458

Vancouver General Hospital
Emergency Department

Anyone, young or old, gay or straight, of any culture, any gender, can be abused.

You are a victim of domestic violence if your partner or family member:

- ◆ Physically hurts or threatens you
- ◆ Forces you to have sex
- ◆ Constantly criticizes you, calls you names, swears at you
- ◆ Intimidates you or controls:
 - Who you see
 - Where you go
 - What you do
 - What you believe in
 - How you spend money

Abusers are often those you care about. The most common abusers are dates, common-law partners, spouses, family members, adult children or caregivers.

**No one has the right to abuse you.
If you are abused it is not your fault.**

Health Care Workers in Hospitals can Help!

- ◆ A team of doctors, nurses and social workers, aware of domestic violence issues, is available to help you.
- ◆ The team is sensitive to your needs; your confidentiality will be respected.
- ◆ Help is free under Medical Services Plan.
- ◆ If you need a safe place the Emergency Departments are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ◆ Support and assistance is available after you leave the hospital, if you want it.

**We are here to help!!
You do not deserve to be abused.**