



# Know the signs of domestic abuse?

## If you see or hear it, report it...

### What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse, or domestic violence, is defined as any incident of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of their gender or sexuality.

### What type of incidents can be domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse covers a range of types of abuse, including, but not limited to, psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse. Domestic abuse can be prosecuted under a range of offences and the term is used to describe a range of controlling and coercive behaviours, used by one person to maintain control over another with whom they have, or have had, an intimate or family relationship. Domestic abuse is rarely a one-off incident and is the cumulative and interlinked types of abuse that have a particularly damaging effect on the victim. The 'domestic' nature of the offending behaviour is an aggravating factor because of the abuse of trust involved.

### How do I report domestic abuse?

If you have experienced any form of domestic abuse MSV can help you, offer support and work with partner agencies with your consent to tackle the problems. If you have heard or seen domestic abuse happening, MSV and the Police will actively investigate this.

Report an incident in the strictest confidence to the Community Safety Team on  
0161 226 4211 or email [staysafe@msvhousing.co.uk](mailto:staysafe@msvhousing.co.uk)

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999

Or call 101 to report a non-emergency

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