



# Recognizing and Responding to Dating and Domestic Violence



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## Domestic Violence

- Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be married or not married; heterosexual, gay, or lesbian; living together, separated or dating.
- Under Florida law Domestic Violence is considered any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member; Florida Statute 741.28.

## Dating Violence

- The use of physical violence, force, threats, intimidation, isolation, stalking, or other forms of emotional, sexual, or economic abuse directed towards an Intimate Partner.
  - Typically does not live with the person
  - Does not matter how long two people have been dating – can occur at any time.

**LOVE IS NOT  
ABUSE!!!!**

## Exhibited behaviors of victim of Dating and/or Domestic Violence

- Wants the abuse to end but not relationship
- Feels isolated, depressed, embarrassed, and/or helpless
- Makes excuses for abuser
- Religious or other beliefs that reinforce staying in the relationship
- Distance themselves from family and/or friends
- Impulsive/ aggressive
- Feels shame or anxiety
- Having suicidal thoughts
- Abusing drugs/ alcohol
- Withdrawal emotionally



## RED FLAGS

- Extremely Jealous
- Possessive
- Unpredictable
- A bad temper
- Cruelty towards animals
- Verbal abuse
- Forced sex/ disregard of their partner's unwillingness to have sex
- Sabotage of birth control/ or refusal to honor agreed upon methods
- Blaming the victim
- Obstruct the victims ability to work/ go to school
- Controlling finances
- Abuse of other family members, children, or pets
- Accusatory
- Controlling what the victim wears
- Embarrassment or humiliation of victim in front of others

## Practical Concerns- First Contact

- Listen closely and attentively. (**Avoid "Why" questions**). Don't be judgmental!!
- Inform the Student of the University's resources.
- Acknowledge how the individual is feeling and ask if there is anything that you can do for them in the immediacy.

## On-Campus Resources

### **Precious Gunter, Title IX Coordinator**

Edwards Hall, Room 114  
Phone: (239) 745-4366  
Email: [pgunter@fgcu.edu](mailto:pgunter@fgcu.edu)

### **University Police Department (UPD)**

Campus Support Complex  
Phone: (239) 590-1900  
In an emergency, dial 911  
Web link: <http://www.fgcu.edu/upd/>

### **Dan Hoover, Student Affairs Case Manager**

Cohen Center, Room 110  
Phone: (239) 590-1866  
Email: [dhoover@fgcu.edu](mailto:dhoover@fgcu.edu)

### **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

(Confidential Counseling Available)  
Howard Hall, 2nd Floor  
Phone: (239) 590-7950; After Hours (239) 745-3277  
Email: [CAPS@fgcu.edu](mailto:CAPS@fgcu.edu)  
Web Link: <http://www.fgcu.edu/caps/>

### **Dean of Students Office**

Cohen Center, Room 288  
Phone: (239) 590-7900  
Email: [doso@fgcu.edu](mailto:doso@fgcu.edu)  
Web Link:

<http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/DOS/index.html>

### **Student Health Services**

Modular Bldg Centrally located between the Music Building and Parking Garage 2.

Phone: (239) 590-7966

Web Link: <http://www.fgcu.edu/studenthelath/>

### **Prevention and Wellness**

Howard Hall, 137  
Phone: (239) 590-7733  
Web Link: <http://www.fgcu.edu/wellness/>

### **Assault and Rape Information Support and Education (ARISE)**

Web Link: <http://www.fgcu.edu/arise/>

## Off-Campus Resources

### **Abuse, Counseling, and Treatment of Fort Myers**

Phone: (239) 939-3112  
Web Link: <http://www.actabuse.com/>

### **Lee County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Unit**

Web Link: <http://www.sheriffleefl.org/>

### **Florida Council Against Sexual Violence**

Rape Crisis Hotline: 1-888-956-RAPE (7273)  
Web Link: <http://www.fcasv.org/>

### **Project Help of Naples**

Phone: (239) 262-7227  
Web Link: <http://projecthelpnaples.org/>

## Other Helpful Resources

### **Know your IX (Empowering Students to stop sexual violence)**

<http://knowyourix.org/>

### **Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)**

<https://rainn.org/>

### **Not Alone.gov**

<https://www.notalone.gov/>