Victim Advocacy Role Definition

º The role of the Victim Advocate is to represent the interest of victims of spouse abuse, sexual assault, and rape.
º Victim Advocates support the victim's safety. A victim is not safe until free from violent acts themselves, and also threats of those acts.
º Victim Advocates support the victim's integrity. You have the right to be seen as a whole person, not simply a victim of domestic violence.
º Victim Advocates support the victim's autonomy. You have the right to make decisions about what is in your best interest. However, if there has been a domestic violence incident, our staff is required to report suspected child and spouse abuse. We respect your ability and responsibility to make decisions involving your safety and well being.

However, please realize that choosing not to inform us prevents you from enlisting the support of the command and military resources designed to help families.

Victim Advocates are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to victims' needs.

Victim Advocates provide an array of services such as safety planning, information and referrals, emotional support, and crisis intervention.

Call our office to get more information: (910) 449-9563

Domestic Violence is common and it affects people from all walks of life:
For years, the ugly secret of family mistreatment was hidden behind closed doors. But victims are learning that they don't have to live with abuse. They have choices. Help is available.

Please consider gathering the following when/if you decide to leave a violent relationship:

- Identification
- Birth Certificates for self and children
- Social Security Card for self and children
- Extra car, house, storage and other keys
- Checkbook/ATM card
- Address book/impor-tant phone numbers
- Car registration
- Car, health and life insurance papers
- School and medical records
- Divorce, custody, or restraining order paperwork
- Proof of income for partner (LES)
- Pre-paid long distance calling card
- Copies of bills you owe with your partner
- Pictures, jewelry, keepsakes
- Medicine and prescriptions
- Change of clothing and personal hygiene items
- Diapers, formula, toys, blankets, etc.

Together we can STOP domestic violence. Let us help you today!

"Love Shouldn’t Hurt"

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Does your partner ever:

• Hit, kick, push, shove, or strangle you and afterwards promise never to do it again?
• Use weapons/objects against you or threaten to?
• Force or coerce you to engage in unwanted sexual acts?
• Threaten that if you report the domestic violence you'll lose your income, base housing, the kids, be deported?
• Threaten to harm or kill you?
• Control access to military ID card, family and friends, information, base/command functions, telephone, transportation, finances, English lessons? Take the car keys?
• Destroy your property, punch holes in walls, break appliances, hurt your pets?
• Steal or destroy your belongings?
• Constantly criticize you, call you names or put you down?
• Make you feel afraid?
• Deny your basic needs such as food, housing, clothing, or medical and physical assistance?

Onslow Memorial Hospital  (910) 577-2345
Department of Social Services  (910) 455-4145
Base Chaplain  (910) 451-3210
National Domestic Violence Hotline  800-799-SAFE
Rape Crisis  800-656-HOPE
Naval Hospital ER  (910) 450-4840
Clerk of Courts  (910) 455-4458

Domestic violence is not a Marine Corps Value...

Marine Corps policy states that acts of domestic violence or neglect are incompatible with the high standards of professional and personal discipline required of members of the Marine Corps. A Marine who is abusing his or her spouse cannot be considered a good Marine, since this behavior is contrary to the Core Values and standards of excellence of the Marine Corps. Turning to the Family Advocacy Program for help does not mean that your spouse's career will be ruined or that you must end your marriage: In fact, turning to FAP for assistance in dealing with family problems will help keep you and your children safe, and may help your partner before it's too late for career, marriage, and family.

Why Does It Happen?

An emerging theory in working with batterers is that the violence springs from a desire for power, rather than a short temper or uncontrolled anger. This theory sees battering as an intentional act used to gain power and control over another person. With few exceptions, batterers believe they have the right to be in charge; to control what their partner does, thinks and feels. They feel justified in establishing and maintaining their position through many means, not just physical violence.

Some Thoughts on Keeping Yourself Safe...

Remember: the danger may get worse during an escape or after leaving a violent relationship.

Practice an escape plan for emergencies.

Let someone know when you feel violence is about to happen.

When violence does seem close, avoid the kitchen, bathrooms, and rooms without doors to the outside.

Call the police in an emergency to file a report about the violence. Also consider taking pictures of any injuries.

Get a restraining order.

See a doctor for injuries (and consider having him/her write down what caused the injuries).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE
910-376-5675

It can happen to anyone!