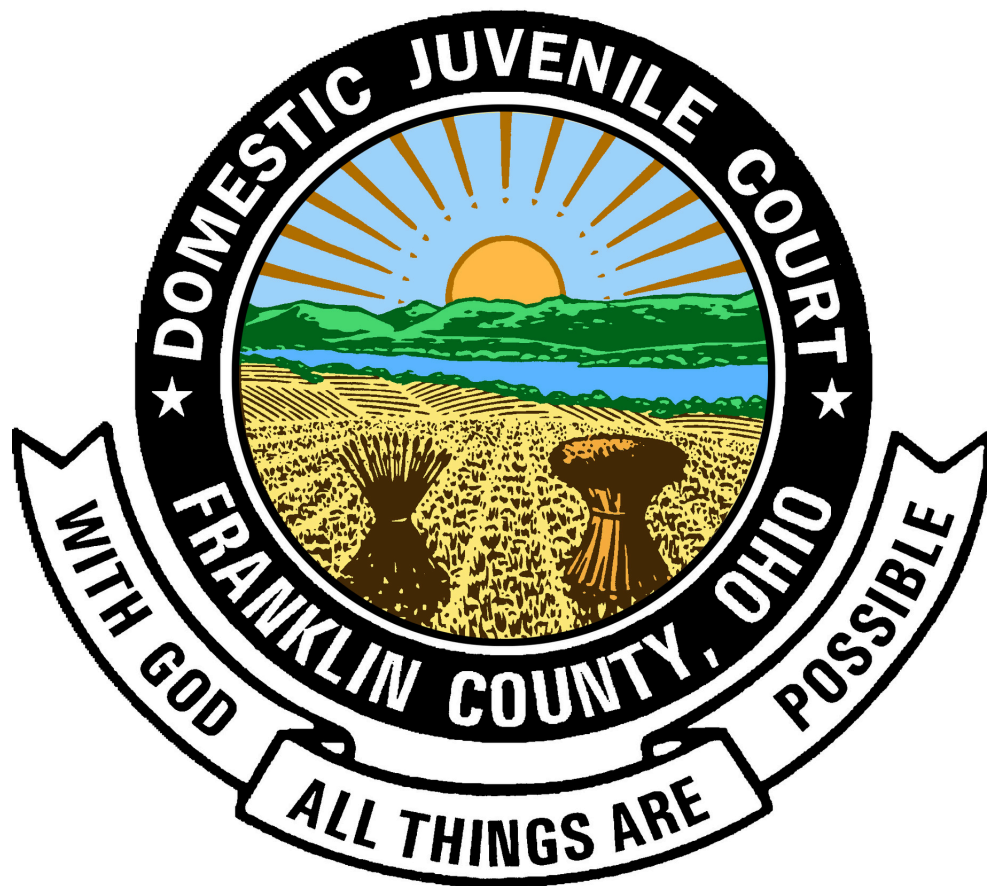


FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE BRANCH

FAMILY PROTECTION CENTER  
RESOURCE GUIDE



Family Protection Center

373 S High St, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43215

Open 8:30am - 2:00pm

[drj\\_familyprotectioncentercpodesk@fcccourts.org](mailto:drj_familyprotectioncentercpodesk@fcccourts.org)

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# *EMERGENCY NUMBERS*

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**IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911**

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

CALL, TEXT, or VP 988

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) OR TTY: 1-800-787-3224

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

NATIONAL TEEN DATING ABUSE HOTLINE

1-866-331-9474 OR TTY: 1-866-331-8453

NATIONAL VICTIM HOTLINE

1-855-4-VICTIM (1-855-484-2846)

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# EVIDENCE PRESENTATION

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For the Next CPO Hearing, have you:

- ☐ Moved ALL evidence<sup>1</sup> (photos, videos, etc.) **off your phone** to a USB flash drive?
- ☐ Made 3 copies of every item of evidence?
  - photos
  - social media posts
  - text messages
  - **certified** police reports<sup>2</sup> (not business cards)
  - **certified** hospital records(It is **not** the Court's responsibility to make copies)
- ☐ Dated each item of evidence?
- ☐ Organized your evidence by date (most recently first)?
- ☐ Ensured your witnesses (who are at least 10 years or older) are physically present at court to give sworn testimony? (Do not remove the child from school without the Court's permission)
- ☐ Subpoenaed witnesses to testify?

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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner's exhibits shall be marked with **NUMBERS**, and Respondent's exhibits shall be marked with **LETTERS**.

<sup>2</sup> A "certified business record" is considered a hearsay exception under the "business records exception" rule as long as certain conditions regarding the record's trustworthiness are met. (Ohio R. Evid. 803(6))

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# CPO GUIDELINES

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It is **Petitioner's** responsibility to prove his/her case during the Civil Protection Order hearing. Failure to do so will result in the **denial of Petitioner's Civil Protection Order.**

Both parties shall be prepared to have all **witnesses** available to testify on the final (next) hearing date.

- The rules of court prohibit judges from accepting written affidavits, letters or notes from persons **not physically present** to speak in the courtroom.
- You may want/need to **subpoena** relevant eyewitnesses to personally testify in your case.

If the local police department was called/involved in your case, you may want to **subpoena** the officer(s) who responded.

- Officer name(s)/badge number(s)/report number can typically be found on the business card you were provided.

Both parties are responsible for securing and bringing to court all relevant documents and/or evidence.

- Any documents or pictures that you wish to present as evidence, you **MUST** have original AND three (3) copies to present at time of hearing.
- The Court is not permitted to make phone calls or secure paperwork to assist you in proving your case.
- **Please note voicemails and/or text messages must be copied or your device will be kept and marked as evidence!**

**Subpoena forms** are available on the forms wall inside the Domestic Clerk's Office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

The Petition and Civil Protection Order must be formally served upon the Respondent in order to proceed with a hearing.

If service was completed on Respondent and Respondent does not appear for the scheduled hearing, and Petitioner does appear, then a Civil Protection Order will likely be ***granted*** to the Petitioner.

It is unlikely that your case will be continued if service has been completed on Respondent.

- the Respondent may appear on the date and time of the scheduled hearing and request a one-time continuance to obtain counsel.
- Respondent must make the request IN PERSON.

An attorney is not provided for you by the court. If you would like an attorney to represent you at the next hearing, you must make your own arrangements for an attorney prior to your next hearing date.

For CPOs involving custody of minor children, **DO NOT REMOVE THE CHILD FROM SCHOOL** without permission of the Court. ONLY children who:

- (1) Are witness to the events outlined in the Petition and are older than 10 years

- OR -

- (2) Are the PRIMARY SUBJECT of the CPO (not merely a witness) should be brought to the scheduled hearing.

Court staff cannot give you legal advice. However, court staff can provide a generalized explanation of the civil protection order filing process and basic information about the hearing procedures.

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## HOPE CARDS

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### What is a Hope Card?

A wallet-sized card that a survivor can use to provide law enforcement with quick access to information about their protection order.

### Who can get a Hope Card?

Survivors who have an active, full civil protection order lasting 12 months or longer.

### Where do I get a Hope Card?

You can apply online or in person at the Family Protection Center.

### For more information or to apply online visit:

[www.drj.fccourts.org/DRJ.aspx?PN=CPO.htm](http://www.drj.fccourts.org/DRJ.aspx?PN=CPO.htm)

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## COURT RESOURCES

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### FACCES

[https://drj.fccourts.org/uploads/Forms/FACCES\\_Resource\\_Guide\\_25.pdf](https://drj.fccourts.org/uploads/Forms/FACCES_Resource_Guide_25.pdf)

### MARCH Program

Call: (614) 621-9377

[www.franklincountymunicourt.org/march](http://www.franklincountymunicourt.org/march)

375 S. High St, 6th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215

### One Door

[www.franklincountyohio.gov/Resident-Services/One-Door-Services](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/Resident-Services/One-Door-Services)  
369 S. High St, 1st Fl, Room 1121  
Columbus, OH 43215

### DRJ Self-Represented Resource Center

Call: (614) 525-7531  
373 S High St, 4th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215

### Municipal Court Self Help Resource Center

Call: (614) 645-7381  
[www.franklincountymunicourt.org/selfhelp](http://www.franklincountymunicourt.org/selfhelp)  
375 S High St, 16th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215

### Franklin County Law Library

Call: (614) 525-4971  
[www.lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov](http://www.lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov)  
369 S High St, 10th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215

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## ADVOCACY

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### The Center for Family Safety and Healing

Call: (614) 722-8293  
[www.familysafetyandhealing.org](http://www.familysafetyandhealing.org)  
655 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43205

### Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Call: 1(800) 934-9840  
[www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org)



## Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Call: (216) 658-1381  
Email: [info@oaesv.org](mailto:info@oaesv.org)  
[www.oaesv.org](http://www.oaesv.org)

## Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization

Serves LGBTQIA+ survivors  
Helpline: 1(866) 862-7286  
Text: (614) 333-1907  
[www.bravo.equitashealth.org](http://www.bravo.equitashealth.org)

## Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Social Services

Serves Hispanic & Latino survivors  
Call: (614) 340-7061  
[www.colscss.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe-center](http://www.colscss.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe-center)

## Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere

VP: (614) 678-5476  
Voice/Text: (614) 887-7233  
Email: [info@dwaveohio.org](mailto:info@dwaveohio.org)  
[www.dwaveohio.org](http://www.dwaveohio.org)

## Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services

\*Only for those with legal status in the U.S.\*  
Serves African immigrant & refugee survivors  
Call: (740) 812-3410  
[www.ethiotss.org/survivor-care-services](http://www.ethiotss.org/survivor-care-services)

## Adult Protective Services

Serves older adult survivors  
Call: (614) 525-4348  
[www.officeonaging.org](http://www.officeonaging.org)

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## *SHELTER*

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### *CHOICES - Lutheran Social Services*

Domestic Violence Shelter

24-hour Crisis Line: (614) 224-HOME (4663)

[www.lssnetowkrofhope.org/choices](http://www.lssnetowkrofhope.org/choices)

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## *CRIMINAL PROSECUTION*

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You must first file a police report in order to press charges. You can do this by calling local law enforcement or **call 911 if it is an emergency.**

The Columbus City Attorney processes criminal complaints such as Domestic Violence, Assault, Stalking, or Violation of a Protection Order.

To file criminal charges, contact the City Attorney:

### *City Attorney's Office - Domestic Violence Unit*

Call: (614) 645-6232

[www.city-attorney.columbus.gov/dv.aspx](http://www.city-attorney.columbus.gov/dv.aspx)

375 S. High St, 17th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215

### *City Attorney's Office - Prosecutor Division*

Call: (614) 645-8815

[www.city-attorney.columbus.gov/pru.aspx](http://www.city-attorney.columbus.gov/pru.aspx)

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## LEGAL

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### Capital University Law School Legal Clinic

Call: (614) 236-6245 OR (614) 236-6779  
375 S High St, 17th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215

### Legal Aid Society of Columbus

Call: (614) 224-8374  
[www.columbuslegalaid.org](http://www.columbuslegalaid.org)

### Ohio Legal Help

[www.ohiolegalhelp.org](http://www.ohiolegalhelp.org)

### RCDV:CPC Self-Represented Litigants Series

[www.rcdvcpc.org/resources/self-represented-litigants-series.html](http://www.rcdvcpc.org/resources/self-represented-litigants-series.html)

### Ohio Revised Code

Searchable website of Ohio Laws  
[www.codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code](http://www.codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code)

### Equality Ohio

Legal Assistance for LGBTQIA+ individuals  
Call: (855) 542-8529  
[www.equalityohio.org/legal-clinic](http://www.equalityohio.org/legal-clinic)

### Equitas Gender Marker/Name Change Clinic

Serves LGBTQIA+ individuals  
[www.equitashealth.com/our-services/gender-affirming-care/legal-clinics/](http://www.equitashealth.com/our-services/gender-affirming-care/legal-clinics/)

## Columbus Metropolitan Library

Events list includes upcoming free legal clinics  
[www.columbuslibrary.org/social-services/](http://www.columbuslibrary.org/social-services/)

## Interfaith Legal Clinics

<https://reentry.franklincountyohio.gov/JPP-reentry/media/Documents/Get-Help/interfaith-legal-clinics.pdf>

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# *MENTAL HEALTH*

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## The Center for Family Safety and Healing

Call: (614) 722-8293

[www.familysafetyandhealing.org](http://www.familysafetyandhealing.org)

## ADAMH - Board of Franklin County

Call: (614) 224-0991

[www.adamhfranklin.org](http://www.adamhfranklin.org)

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# *CHILDREN*

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## Kaleidoscope Youth Center

Serves LGBTQIA+ youth

Email: [info@kycohoio.org](mailto:info@kycohoio.org)

[www.kycohoio.org](http://www.kycohoio.org)

## National Youth Advocacy Program

Call: (614) 227-9444

[www.nyap.org/ohio](http://www.nyap.org/ohio)

## Huckleberry House

Serves at-risk and unhoused youth

Teen Crisis Shelter: (614) 294-5553

Administrative Phone: (614) 294-8097

[www.huckhouse.org](http://www.huckhouse.org)

## Nationwide Children's Behavioral Health

Call: (614) 355-8080

[www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/behavioral-health](http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/behavioral-health)

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# *RESPONDENT INFORMATION*

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## Probation Assisted Victim Empowerment Division

Call: (614) 645-8360

## Ohio VINE

Call: 1 (800) 770-0192

[www.vineline.com](http://www.vineline.com)

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# *MEDICAL*

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## Equitas

Call: (833) 378-4827

[www.equitashealth.com](http://www.equitashealth.com)

## Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

Call: (800) 230-7526

[www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org)

Columbus Public Health

Call: (614) 645-7417

[www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Health](http://www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Health)

[Women's Health and Wellness Center](#)

[www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Health/Find-Health-Care-Resources/Womens-Health-and-Wellness-Center](http://www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Health/Find-Health-Care-Resources/Womens-Health-and-Wellness-Center)

[Healthy Moms and Babies](#)

[www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Health/Healthy-Moms-and-Babies](http://www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Health/Healthy-Moms-and-Babies)

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## *COMPANION ANIMALS*

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Columbus Humane Safe Haven for Pets

Call: (614) 980-2032

[www.columbushumane.org/safe-haven](http://www.columbushumane.org/safe-haven)

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## *INTERPRETER SERVICES*

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DRJ Interpreter Services

Email: [drj\\_interpreterrequest@fccourts.org](mailto:drj_interpreterrequest@fccourts.org)

Request an interpreter using the QR Code:



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# INVISIBLE INJURIES

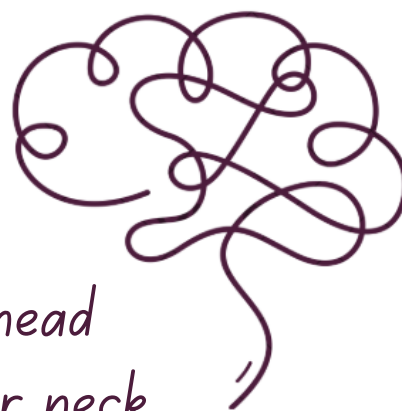
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When there is a change to how your brain works because you are hit in the head or the flow of oxygen to your brain is stopped.

*You might get a head injury if your partner...*

- ✗ Shakes you severely
- ✗ Hits you in the face or the head
- ✗ Puts their hands around your neck or tries to choke or strangle you
- ✗ Makes you fall and you hit your head
- ✗ Has done something that made you pass out, lose consciousness, or have trouble breathing.



Please seek medical attention if you have been hurt in the head or strangled!



## KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS:



- A headache that does not go away or gets worse
- One pupil is larger than the other
- You can't remember what happened
- Extreme drowsiness or difficulty waking up
- Slurred speech, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Shaking or twitching
- Unusual behavior, confusion, restlessness, or agitation
- Urinating or defecating yourself
- Loss of consciousness, passed out, or knocked out
- It becomes more difficult or painful to breathe
- You have trouble swallowing
- Your voice changes
- You have problems speaking

MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS	
DATE/TIME	DESCRIBE SYMPTOMS



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# SAFETY PLANNING

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Your safety should come first.  
Please consider these safety  
planning tips:

## If you are still in the relationship:

- If you're in danger, call 911.
- Consider safe places to you if an argument occurs; avoid rooms with weapons and no exits.
- Keep a journal of all threats and incidences of abuse.
- Keep numbers of friends or family to use in emergencies; make sure these are kept in a safe place.
- Always have a charged cell phone with you.
- Talk with trusted people and establish a code word or sign so they can call police if needed.
- Contact services for an advocate to help you with a safety plan.
- Take photos of any visible injuries.
- Visit the doctor/hospital to document injuries.
- Keep copies of important documents (birth certificates, social security cards, insurance policies) with a friend or family member.
- Prepare an emergency bag and form a plan for escape.
- Consider obtaining a protection order or making a police report.

## If you have left the relationship:

- Document and save contacts, messages, injuries or other incidences involving your abuser.
- Change all passwords and remove personal information from social media sites.
- If the abuser has a key, consider changing the locks or installing a security/camera system.
- Plan how to get away if confronted by an abusive partner.
- Avoid traveling and staying alone.
- If necessary to do so, meet your abuser in a public place.
- Change routes you take to work, school, and home and change stores you shop at frequently.
- Notify school and work of your situation.
- Consider getting a post office box for mail.
- Ask friends and family to keep your location and contact information private.

### Safety During a Violent Incident

It is not always possible to avoid violent incidents. In order to increase safety, I may use a variety of strategies.

1. If I leave, I can use these routes:\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I can keep my purse/wallet and car keys ready and put them in this place: \_\_\_\_\_ in order to leave quickly.
3. I can tell \_\_\_\_\_ about the violence and request they call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from my house.
4. I will use \_\_\_\_\_ as my code with my children or my friends so they can call for help.
5. If I have to leave my home, I will go \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When I expect we are going to have an argument, I will try to move to a space that is lowest risk, such as, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Try to avoid arguments in the bathroom, garage, kitchen, near weapons or in rooms without access to an outside door.)
7. I will use my judgment and intuition. If the situation is very serious, I can give my partner what he/she wants to calm him/her down. I have to protect myself until I/we are out of danger.

### Safety When Preparing to Leave

Leaving must be done with a careful plan in order to increase safety. Abusers often strike back when they believe that their victim is leaving.

1. I will leave money and an extra set of keys with \_\_\_\_\_ so I can leave quickly.
2. I will keep copies of important documents or keys at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I will check with \_\_\_\_\_ to see who would be able to let me stay with them or lend me some money.
4. I can leave extra clothes with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I will sit down and review my safety plan every \_\_\_\_\_ in order to plan the safest way to leave the residence.
6. I will rehearse my plan and, if appropriate, practice it with my children.

### Safety with a Protection Order

Many abusers obey protection orders, but one can never be sure which violent partner will obey and which will violate protection orders.

1. I will keep my protection order \_\_\_\_\_ (location).
2. I can call the local Prosecutor's office or the Family Protection Center if I have some problems with or questions about my protection order.
3. If my partner destroys my protection order, I can get another copy from the County Courthouse.
4. If my partner violates the protection order, I can call the police and report a violation, contact my attorney, and/or call my advocate.
5. If the police do not help, I can contact my advocate or attorney and will file a complaint with the chief of the police department.
6. I can also file criminal charges with the Prosecutor in the county where the violation occurred. I can charge my abuser with a violation of the Protection Order and any other crimes they committed while violating.

# THE RELATIONSHIP SPECTRUM

All relationships exist on a spectrum from healthy to abusive, with unhealthy somewhere in the middle.



## Healthy relationships are based on equality & respect

You make decisions together and can openly discuss whatever you're dealing with, like relationship problems and sexual choices. You enjoy spending time together but can be happy apart.

- respect
- good communication
- trust
- honesty
- equality



## Unhealthy relationships are based on attempts to control the other person

One person tries to make most of the decisions. They may pressure their partner about sex or refuse to see how their actions can hurt. In an unhealthy relationship, you feel like you should only spend time with your partner.

- breaks in communication
- pressure
- dishonesty
- struggles for control
- inconsiderate behavior



## Abusive relationships are based on an imbalance of power & control

One person is making all the decisions about sexual choices, friend groups, boundaries, even what's true and what's not. You spend all of your time together and feel like you can't talk to other people, especially about what's really happening in your relationship.

- accusations
- blame shifting
- isolation
- pressure
- manipulation