

# Rights of Victims of Domestic Violence

## Right to be informed of Rights

*A victim of domestic violence is entitled to any rights granted to victims of crime under Tribal Law, which may include the right to:*

- Be informed of all hearing dates and continuances.
- Provide the court with a victim-impact statement, victim-opinion statement, and an assessment of the risk of further harm.
- Be present at sentencing and address the court.
- Advise the court of conditions of probation and parole required to ensure the safety of the victim and other family and household members.
- Restitution for losses sustained as a direct consequence of any criminal conduct.
- Receive notice from the prosecutor when the prosecutor has decided to decline prosecution of the crime, to dismiss criminal charges filed against the alleged perpetrator, or to enter into a plea agreement.

**Everyone has the  
right to be safe!**

**For assistance local and  
surrounding  
areas please contact:**

### **Fort Berthold Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

404 Frontage Road  
New Town, ND 58763  
Office Hours: 8-4:30 M-F  
Office Number: 701-627-4171  
Fax Number: 701-627-4106

**Services available 24 hours**

**To contact a victim advocate after hours  
please call 627-3617 Three Affiliated Tribes  
Police Department and request to speak  
with an Advocate for Domestic Violence.**

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| TAT Police Department         | 627-3617 |
| Fort Berthold District Court  | 627-4803 |
| Elbowoods Memorial            | 627-4750 |
| TAT Social Services           | 627-4781 |
| Circle of Life                | 627-4700 |
| Parshall Resource Center      | 862-3682 |
| Mountrail Social Services     | 628-2925 |
| Domestic Violence NW ND       | 628-3234 |
| McLean Co. Social Services    | 462-3235 |
| McLean Family Resource Center | 462-8178 |
| McKenzie Co. Social Services  | 444-3661 |
| Spirit Lake Victim Asst.      | 766-1816 |

*All Number Has N.D. Area Code (701)*



*Fort Berthold*  
COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*Serving Victims  
of Domestic  
& Sexual Abuse*



*There are ways of stopping the abuse  
by asking for help when you are ready  
to ask for the help.*

*Domestic Violence is NOT a Tradition*

## Mission Statement

The Fort Berthold Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a non profit Native Program, has been created for the purpose of empowering individuals who are abused, victimized, in economic distress, in emotional crisis or in need of resources information and referral. FBCADV recognizes that lives of individuals and families cannot be separated from the life of the community, and will work towards increasing public awareness, and to provide educational services. The program acknowledges the importance of interaction and cooperation between the FBCADV, Law Enforcement, Social Services, School Systems, Churches, Communities, and Other Services Providers.

## Fort Berthold Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Our Program is to help individuals that are in need from the effects of Domestic Violence.

Our services include:

- Emotional Support
- Personal Advocacy
- Criminal Complain
- Protection Order
- Restraining Order
- Transportation
  - Medical Attention
  - Law Enforcement
  - Court
- Shelter if needed
- Referrals
  - Counseling
  - Support Group
  - To other Domestic Violence Programs in other areas.

## Definition

Domestic Violence is any verbal, psychological, physical, or sexual behavior that is controlling, threatening or violent, against a spouse, partner or family member.

Sexual Violence is any sexual act that is perpetrated against someone's will. Sexual Violence has a range of offenses including a completed nonconsensual sex act (Rape), an attempted nonconsensual sex act, abusive sexual contact (unwanted touching), and non-contact sexual abuse (threatened sexual violence, sexual harassment).

## Common Acts of Violence

- Put-downs, insults, unnecessary blaming or telling them they are not worthy or good enough to be loved.
- Not allowing someone to have their personal friends.
- Not allowing their own opinions or to speak freely.
- Being very manipulative or controlling.
- Making threats, causing fear or embarrassment for another person.
- Physical violence - includes slapping, hair pulling, biting, pushing, hitting, punching and kicking.
- Sexual assault of any kind and/or using force.

## How Domestic Violence Affects Children

Children may or may not be directly involved but they are aware that there are things that are going wrong. They all behave in different ways or they may not but they do know what is going on. These are some behaviors that may happen:

- React with fear, anxiety or freeze when voices are raised or when the abuser is around.
  - Impersonate the abusers behavior
  - Begin to call you out and call you names
- Or there may be more extreme changes as:
- Bed wetting
  - Recurrent illness
  - Feelings of guilt, fear that the fighting is their fault
  - Violent behavior/becoming withdrawn
  - Learning disabilities
  - Failing classes in school/drop out of school
  - Wanting your attention persistently
  - Running away from home and/or family life
  - Dating Violence
  - Teen pregnancy
  - Using alcohol and/or drugs
  - Involving themselves in gangs/prostitution

## Common Signs

**Physical:** Bruises, cuts and scrapes on the face, neck, arms and hands; broken or loose teeth; welts; bite marks; cigarette burns.

**Behavioral:** Depression, anxiety, always giving in, low self-esteems, fearfulness, substance abuse.

Domestic Violence does have a range of effects on all family members including; the victim, their children and their relationships toward other family members.

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