

If some of these experiences are familiar to you, then maybe you are living with or have experienced domestic violence some time in your life. You may not be experiencing domestic violence now, but sometimes the effects of domestic violence can have long lasting effects.

We define domestic violence as the emotional, physical, sexual or psychological abuse of a person by their partner, family member or someone with whom there is, or has been a relationship. We acknowledge that domestic violence essentially involves the misuse of power and the exercise of control by one person, usually a man, over another, usually a woman.

Is domestic violence likely to affect my children?

Yes, research shows that if domestic violence is occurring in the home, it does impact on the children.

Can anyone experience domestic violence?

Yes, any age, race, culture, religion or disability.

Domestic violence happens to people who are married, living together, single, dating, separated or in a same sex relationship. Domestic violence happens to people from all walks of life and professions.

Remember:

- **It is never your fault**
(no person has the right to abuse and control another).
- **Support and help is available.**

020 8333 2352



**Greenwich Women's Aid
Floating Support Service**

"Sorry"

How many times have you heard that before?

Has your partner or husband ever....

- Stopped you leaving the house, or locked you in?
- Assumed you would have sex any time, or raped you?
- Slapped, punched or kicked you?
- Driven recklessly with you or your children in the car?
- Frightened or hurt your children?
- Stopped you or your children having money for food?
- Threatened you after the relationship is over?
- Thrown things at you?
- Tried to control where you go and what you do?
- Told you who you could speak to?
- Called you names..... stupid, ugly....?

**For someone to talk to for information, referrals
and support, ring**

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What is Floating Support?

Floating Support is a service that reaches out to you and is flexible. Its remit is wide, with the primary focus of supporting you to stay in your home in the safest way possible and maintain your independence.

What can Floating Support do for you?

We can support you with issues like:

- Safety planning
- Support to obtain extra security in the home to enable you to remain there in safety
- Domestic violence problems and what options there are for you
- Emotional and physical well being
- Advice and support with housing, i.e. supporting you to keep your home
- Budgeting and debt counselling
- Advice on benefits and claiming them
- Advice and support to access legal services
- Advice and support to access education and training and employment
- Group work and counselling
- Access to specialist support services to suit each individual need
- Liaising with other agencies

If you feel this service may benefit you, then please give us a call on:

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What else does Greenwich Women's Aid do?

- We manage **several refuges** in various parts of Greenwich Borough
- We offer extensive **services to children**, such as:
 - ✓ Play sessions
 - ✓ Outings
 - ✓ Group work for children who have experienced domestic violence in their homes
 - ✓ Parenting workshops
 - ✓ Annual seaside holiday
 - ✓ Other holidays, such as a holistic holiday for mums and their children.
- **Other services**, include:
 - ✓ In-house counselling service for women (confidential)
 - ✓ Training on Domestic Violence Awareness, Good Practice and Multi-agency working
 - ✓ Workshop & talks on Domestic Violence or related issues
 - ✓ Outreach work
 - ✓ A Referral & Information Line,

Our service is available to any woman who is living in fear, living with or has left a domestic violence situation, has moved into Greenwich from another refuge or is a survivor of rape or sexual assault.

Please don't hesitate, ring

The Referral & Information Line on:

020 8333 2352