

future. In particular, it means that all people have the right to freely dispose their body and sexuality, and to choose a partner willfully.

The social service bears ultimate responsibility for provision of support and assistance to children, women and men, who are subjected to violence in close relationship. The municipal government is also responsible for protection of persons, who are subjected to threats of violence, protection against further violence for example by means of protected housing.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONSTITUTE A CRIME

Domestic violence (family violence) is considered as violent, abusive or bullying behavior in a family. The scientists allocate some kinds of domestic violence, for example emotional, sexual, social, financial, spiritual and physical abuse. For violence to be ‘domestic’, it doesn’t have to take place in the frame of a family, only within a relationship (involving a family member or a partner). It happens when someone wants to have power and domination over another person. There are a number of ways in which this control or abuse can be demonstrated.

Emotional abuse is used to gain power and control in relationships, it can take many forms, including: insults, criticism, threats, gaslighting, ridicule, intimidation, swearing, lying, humiliation and neglect. The concept ‘*sexual abuse*’ includes rape, indecent assault and a number of other unwanted sexual behaviors applied by offenders as a way to dominate their victims. Social domestic violence takes place when someone offends or embarrasses a person in front of other people, keeps she/he isolated from family and friends, or controls what he/she does and where goes. *Financial abuse* (is a form of domestic violence when someone tries to manage your finances and access to money, and keeps you financially dependent on them so that you always must ask them for money). *Spiritual domestic violence* includes preventing he/she from having his/her own opinions regarding religion, cultural beliefs and values. It may also include causing someone to doubt his/her thoughts on spirituality in order to make he/she feels powerless. Attempting to cause shame is an important part of spiritual abuse, as is preventing people from practicing their religious or cultural beliefs. *Physical abuse* is battery intentional acts that cause unlawful harm, which can result in physical or mental health problems or even the death of the victim, as well as the degradation of his honor and dignity. Some above mentioned types of

domestic violence can be a basis for legal action while other cases among intimate relationships have been defined by the legislation as not violence. Among the reasons why victims do not complain about violence are the pressure of social and family circumstances and the desire to keep relationships. Cultural and religious traditions are also defined as obstacles that complicate the fight against violence. Improving the legal appreciation of domestic violence depends first and foremost on public and victims awareness that domestic violence constitutes a crime.

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THE CLASSIFICATION OF VIOLENCE

The classification of violence into its main types is different. Its main types may be considered as: child maltreatment (i.e. child abuse or neglect), intimate partner violence (i.e. violence by a spouse, boy/girlfriend), sexual violence (i.e. rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment), suicide or suicide behaviour, youth violence (e.g. bullying, gang violence).

Child maltreatment is a critical component of the nation's child protection system. It outlines programs and strategies that are proving beneficial in reducing child maltreatment such as public awareness efforts, parent education, home visitation, and community prevention efforts.

Intimate partner violence is abuse or aggression that occurs in a close relationship between current or former spouses and dating partners. It can range from one episode of violence to multiple ones for years.

Sexual violence is sexual activity when consent is not obtained or not freely given. It is a serious public health problem in any country. Sexual violence impacts every community and affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, and ages – anyone can experience or perpetrate sexual violence.

Suicides are impulsive acts due to stress, such as from financial difficulties, relationship problems such as breakups or bullying.

One of the most widely spread types of violence is youth violence and bullying plays the leading role in it. It is defined as unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others have serious, lasting problems.

No matter what type of violence has been employed, it is declared as a leading worldwide public health problem.

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