

SAFEHOUSE CRISIS CENTER, INC.

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Safehouse staff would like to extend their empathy and support to you during this very emotional and confusing time. We want to make sure that you understand that you are not alone. Safehouse provides advocacy and shelter services to victims in Crawford, Montgomery, Linn, Bourbon, Cherokee, Labette, and Wilson counties in Southeast Kansas. Our services are free, confidential and voluntary. We are not here to make decisions for you, but to help you to make informed choices and provide you with support and resources during your time of need. Staff are available for crisis intervention 24 hrs/day, seven days/wk at our crisis hotline numbers listed above.

Agency services include:

24 Hour Crisis Hotline, Temporary Emergency Shelter, Crisis Intervention Advocacy, Individual Support Counseling, Victim Support Groups, Medical Advocacy, and Law Enforcement Advocacy.

Safety Planning for yourself and/or your family is important.

- Increase security at home by changing/adding locks and by adding outdoor lighting, security systems and smoke detectors.
- Include only trusted persons in your safety plan and check in with them on regular intervals.
- Change phone numbers and carry a cell phone with you (most cell phones can dial 911 even without a service plan).
- Inform your supervisor or work security if possible. They can walk you to your car after work and monitor parking areas.
- Create code words or actions for your children, family and friends to alert them something is wrong.
- Set up a password system with the school about who is safe to pick up your children.
- Designate safe places to meet in the event you and your children get separated.
- Keep a bag with extra keys, money, medications and copies of important documents in a safe and quickly accessible location.

Important Telephone Numbers:

(In an Emergency call 911)

**Kansas Statewide Hotline
1-888-END ABUSE (363-2287)**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**

**Crime Victims Compensation Board
785-296-2359**

Kansas Legal Services - 620-232-1330

Local Law Enforcement

County Attorney's Office

Area Hospitals and Clinics

IF YOU LEAVE. . .

Take these items with you:

- Important documents such as Marriage and Driver's Licenses, Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards, Work Permit, Green Card, Passport or Visa, Insurance Papers, Protection Order, and any other legal or personal paperwork you will need.
- Money, Checkbook, Credit and ATM Cards
- Keys to your house, car, office
- Medications, glasses, hearing aids, etc.

PROTECTION ORDERS: A COURT ORDER PROHIBITING AN ABUSER FROM CONTACTING YOU

In order to qualify for this order, your abuser must be living with you or have lived with you in the past, have a child in common with you, or been in a dating relationship with you. If your relationship meets one of these criteria and your partner has intentionally caused you or your child bodily injury, threatened bodily injury that put you in fear, or has engaged in sexual conduct with a child under 16, you may be eligible for a Protection from Abuse order (PFA).

What can a PFA do for me?

- **Restrain an abuser from inflicting further abuse.**
- **Grant possession of the residence to you.**
- **Award temporary custody of the children to the non-offending party.**
- **Assign temporary ownership of personal property.**

How can I obtain a PFA?

- **Call Kansas Legal Services at 1-800-723-6953 or 620-232-1330.**
- **Call Safehouse Crisis Center to make an appointment with an advocate for assistance.**
- **Go to your local courthouse and request paperwork for a pro se application for a PFA.**

KANSAS CRIME VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

Pursuant to K.S.A 74-7333, as amended, a crime victim has the following rights in Kansas

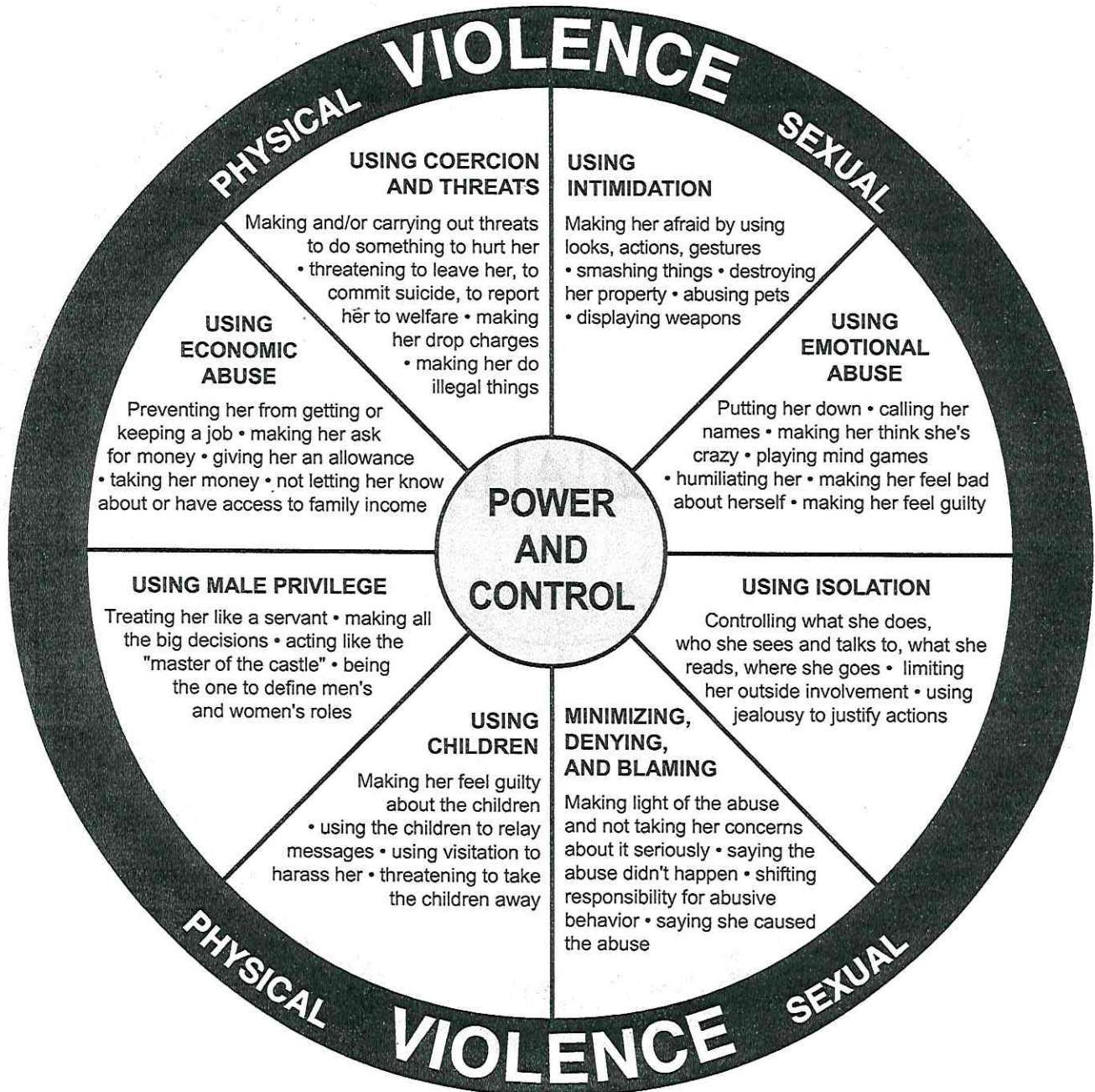
1. Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion, and respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum of necessary inconveniences from their involvement with the criminal justice system
2. Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they suffered
3. Information regarding the availability of criminal restitution, recovery of damages in civil cause action, the crime victims compensation fund and other remedies and the mechanisms to obtain such remedies should be made available to victims
4. Information should be made available to victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided throughout the scheduling, progress, and ultimate disposition of the proceedings
5. The views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and the appropriate assistance provided throughout the criminal process
6. When the personal interest of victims is affected, the view of concern of the victim should, when appropriate be consistent with criminal law and procedure, be brought to the attention of the court
7. Measures may be taken when necessary to provide the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation
8. Enhanced training should be made available to sensitive criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines should be developed for this purpose
9. Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological, and social assistance through existing programs and services
10. Victims should report the crime and cooperate with law enforcement authorities

If you have received this packet, you have likely been the victim of domestic or sexual violence. Please take the time to read this information and reach out for help. Safehouse advocates are ready and willing to help you establish a plan to aid your success in living a life free of violence for the sake of your life and the lives of your children. Help is just a phone call away, call us today.

POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

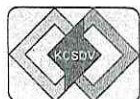
Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are the most apparent forms of domestic violence and are usually the actions that allow others to become aware of the problem. However, regular use of other abusive behaviors by the batterer, when reinforced by one or more acts of physical violence, make up a larger system of abuse. Although physical assaults may occur only once or occasionally, they instill a threat of future violent attacks and allow the abuser to take control of the woman's life and circumstances.

The Power and Control diagram is a particularly helpful tool in understanding the overall pattern of abusive and violent behaviors, which are used by a batterer to establish and maintain control over his partner. Very often, one or more violent incidents are accompanied by an array of these other types of abuse. They are less easily identified, yet firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in the relationship.



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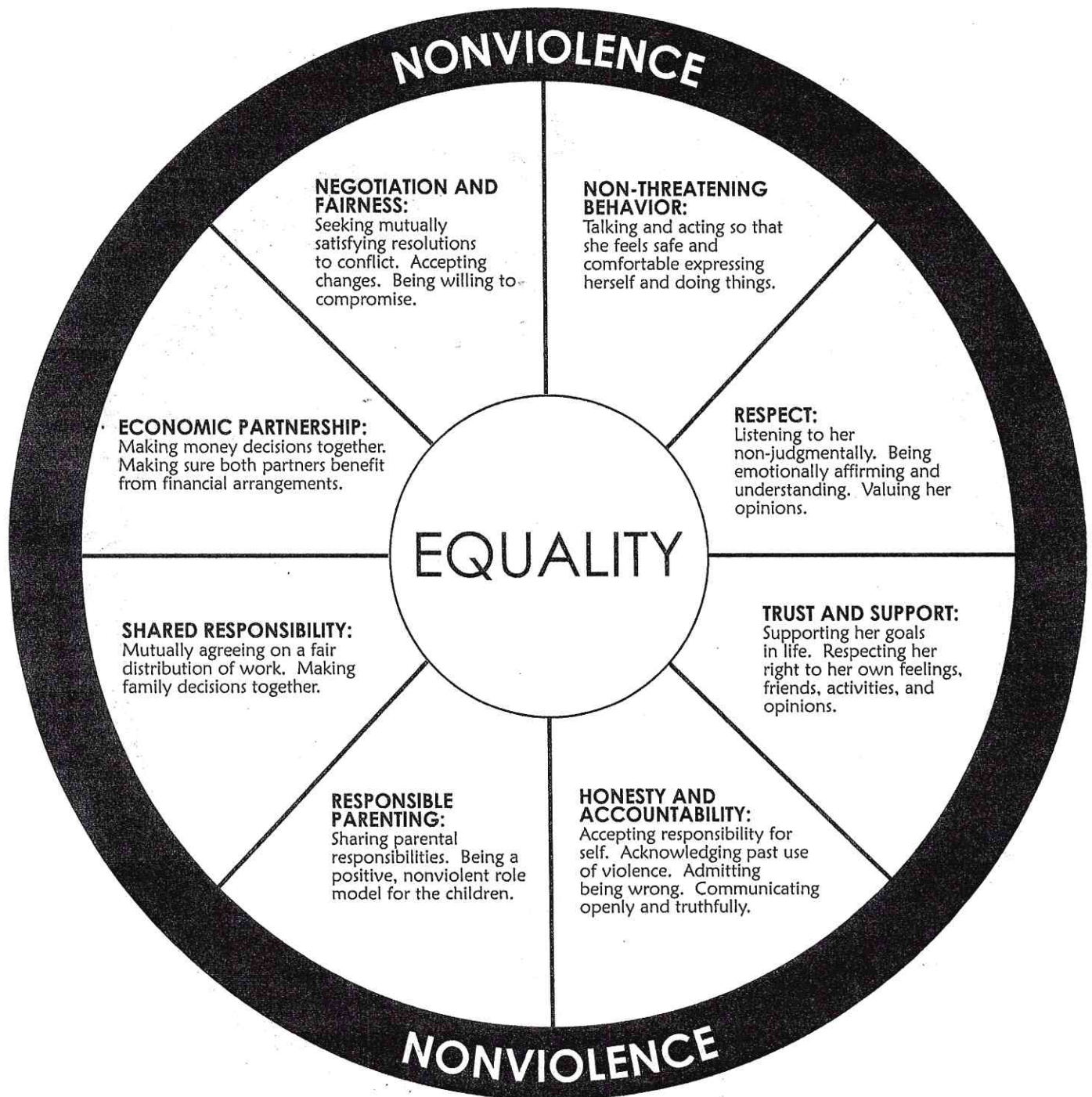
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