

Abuse is the physical or mental force used to control or maintain power over someone else.

## did you know?

Seventy percent of battering men and thirty-eight percent of battered women were raised in violent households.

Of female homicides, thirty percent are killed by their husbands or boyfriends.

A woman is battered every thirteen seconds in this country.

Six million women a year are abused; of that number, three thousand die due to their injuries.

Twenty-one percent of all emergency room visits by women are the result of domestic violence.

The children growing up in abusive homes suffer adverse effects and often grow up to repeat the violence. Emotional and verbal abuse can be just as damaging as physical abuse; the bruises are just harder to detect.

**abuse** In addition to physical violence, abuse can take the form of threats, putdowns, enforced isolation, and economic or emotional mistreatment.

Abuse happens in all races, ethnic groups, professions, and lifestyles.

Abuse happens more frequently to women, but it can happen to men.

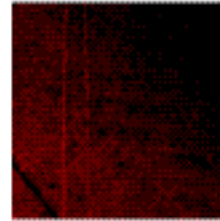
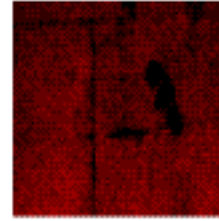
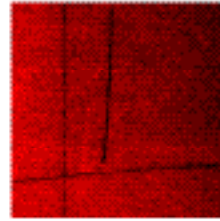
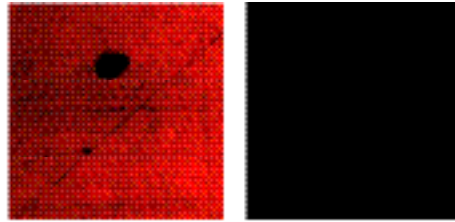
Abuse may continue after the victim lives separately from the abuser.

The abused person may be married to the abuser, or may be living with or dating the abuser.

Anyone suffering from abuse, regardless of age, income, or lifestyle, is eligible for our services.



domestic abuse resistance team

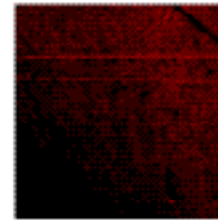
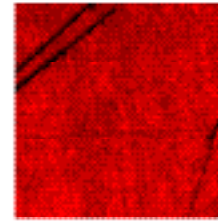


## who we are

The **Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (DART)** is a non-profit organization whose mission is twofold: to protect, empower, and advocate for all victims and their children in North Central Louisiana who are touched by domestic and dating violence and to offer and implement public education programs regarding the far-reaching consequences of domestic and dating violence.

DART has a trained staff of professionals who provide services in Lincoln, Bienville, Claiborne, Jackson, and Union Parishes. DART's Board of Directors consists of twenty men and women from these five parishes who volunteer their time and energy to fulfill the mission of DART.

Helping keep families safe



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