

#### **Statistics**

- ◆ Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women ages 15-44 in the United States—more than car accidents, rapes, and muggings combined.
- → Boys raised in violent homes are 1500 times more likely to become abusers themselves.
- ♦ 85% of all men in Texas prisons grew up in violent homes.



#### **Statistics**

- ♦ The Dallas Police Department receives 15,000 calls regarding domestic violence each year, yet there are fewer than 250 safe Shelter beds available each night.
- → This is an equal opportunity epidemic, plaguing homes in all segments of the Metroplex – it knows no racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, or educational boundaries.



#### What is Abuse?

#### Verbal Abuse:

- ♦ Name-calling
- Put downs
- Yelling
- Use of profanity
- Unfounded accusations
- Cruel and hurtful remarks
- Degrading the victim in public
- Diminishing accomplishments
- Flying into rages

#### ♦ Emotional Abuse:

- → Isolation
- → Ignoring
- ♦ Controlling finances or employment
- → Lack of trust/Suspicion
- → Following or stalking the victim
- Criticizing
- Threats of suicide
- ♦ Threats of taking away children
- ♦ Threats of physical violence
- ♦ Threats of murder
- Minimizes or denies behavior, explosive or critical reactions

#### ♦ Physical Abuse:

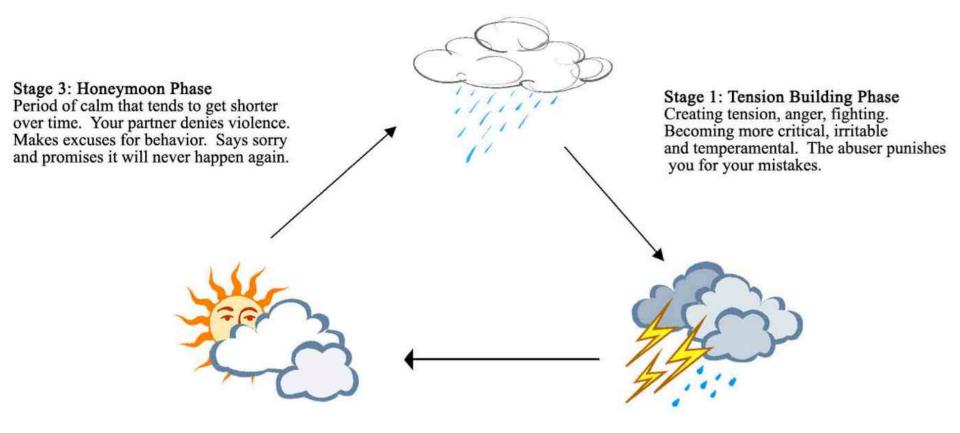
- ♦ Choking/Strangulation
- → Holding the victim down against their will
- ♦ Throwing or breaking objects
- → Pushing
- ♦ Shoving
- ♦ Slapping
- ♦ Biting
- Punching
- ♦ Kicking
- Using a weapon
- → Murder

#### ♦ Sexual Abuse:

- Rape
- Forcing unwanted sexual acts
- ♦ Use of weapons during sex
- ♦ Forced sex involving multiple partners
- Inflicts pain during sex



### The Cycle of Violence



Stage 2: Violent Episode
Partner is physically, sexually, or verbally abusive.
Flies into a rage easily. Hitting, slapping, choking.
Uses weapons.

# Marital RAPE, OR IPSV, IS NOT UNCOMMON

- →1 in 7 women will be sexually assaulted by her husband/partner
- ♦ In relationships with domestic violence it is estimated that rape occurs in as many as 70% of these relationships.



#### 3 Types of IPSV

- Force Only Rape
- ♦ Violent Rape
- ♦ Sadistic Rape



#### Force Only Rape

- Includes only enough force used to control or hold down victim.
- Common where there is a larger contrast between the physical size and strength of the abuser and victim
- Coercion plays a large part
- Victim may also be confused and numbed by constant emotional abuse



#### Violent Rape

- As the name suggests abuser uses physical violence to cause injury to victim apart from any injuries due to the rape itself
- Abuser will force wives to submit to sexual act after physical assault to prove her forgiveness
- → Further humiliation

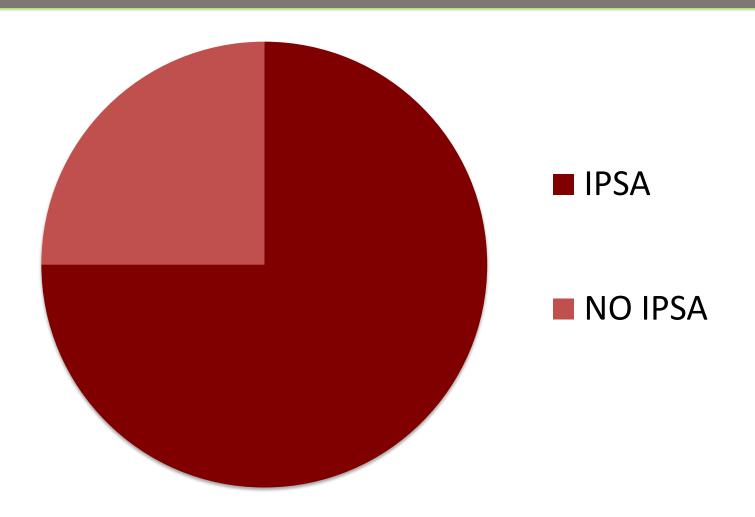


#### Sadistic Rape

- In addition to the rape itself, the victim subjected to acts intended to further humiliate her
- ♦ Abuser/rapist urinates on the victim
- ♦ Abuser Sodomizes the victim
- Abuser forces victim to act out a fantasy of torture



#### **Survivors of Attempted Murder**





#### Domestic Violence –The PUSH FACTOR



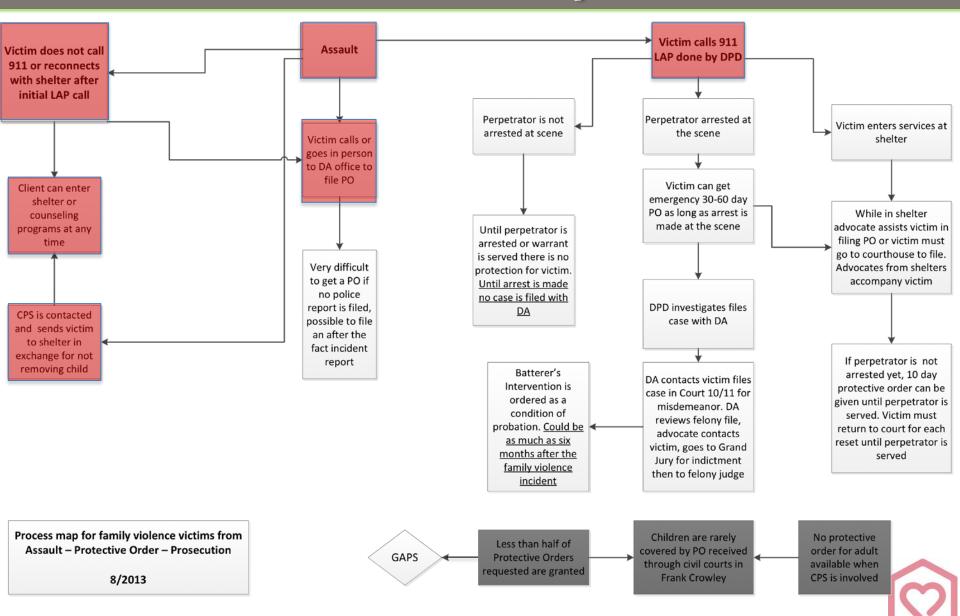


# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE = ON THE JOB TRAINING FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

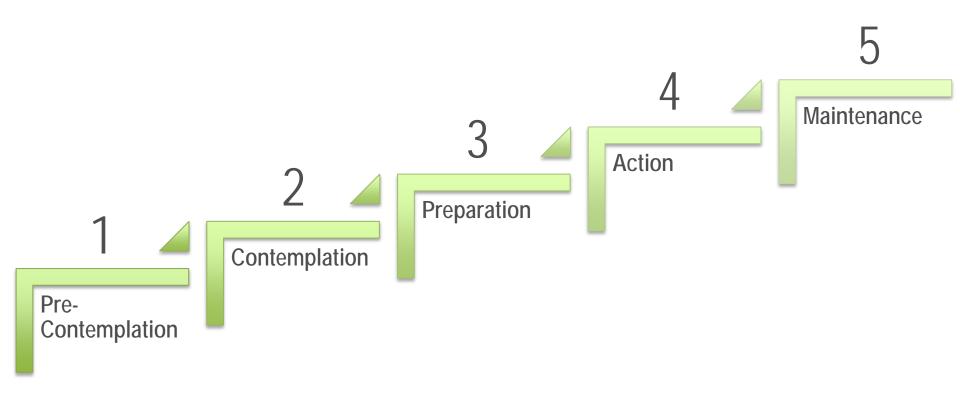
- DV may act as a PUSH FACTOR that ultimately results in TIP
- DV may erode self-esteem increasing vulnerability
- →DV has a profound impact on children
- Physical/Sexual Abuse are commonly used to maintain POWER AND CONTROL



### What are her options?

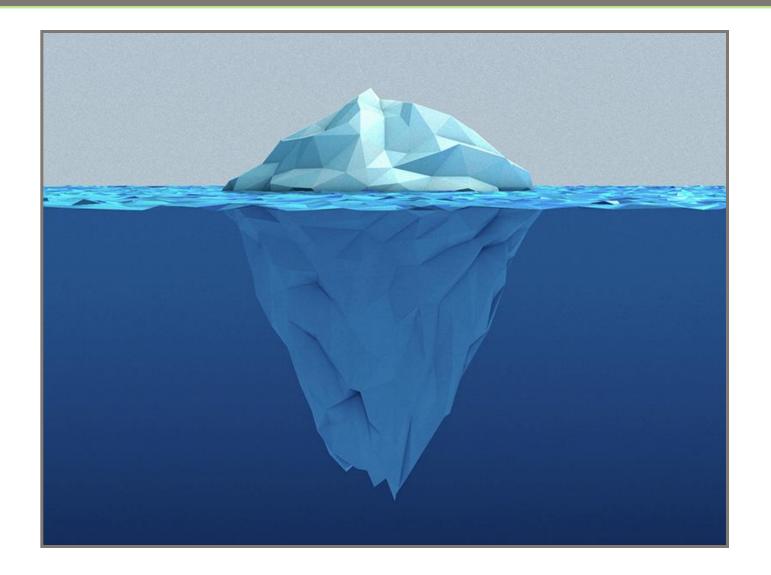


# Stages of Change





# Tip of the Iceberg





## Lethality Assessment Program



#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY SCREEN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS



(214) 946-4357 (HELP)

□Yes □No

□ Not Ans.

(214) 941-1991 Officer: Date: Case #: Offender:

#### ☐ Check here if victim did not answer any of the questions. ► A "Yes" response to any of Questions #1-3 automatically triggers the protocol referral. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon? □Yes

- Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children? □ Not Ans.
- Do you think he/she might try to kill you? □Yes □No □Not Ans.
- Negative responses to Questions #1-3, but positive responses to at least four of Questions #4-11, trigger the protocol referral.
- □Not Ans. Does he/she have a gun or can he/she get one easily? □No Has he/she ever tried to choke you? □Yes □Not Ans.
- Is he/she violently or constantly jealous or does he/she control most □Yes □Not Ans. of your daily activities?
- Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married? □Yes □Not Ans.
- Is he/she unemployed? □No □Not Ans. 9. Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself? □No □Not Ans.
- 10. Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers? □Yes □No □Not Ans.
- ▶ An officer may trigger the protocol referral, if not already triggered above, as a result of the victim's response to the below question, or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.
- Is there anything else that worries you about your safety? (If "yes") What worries you?

Was the Victim Transported to a Hospital?	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.
Was the suspect intoxicated/high during this offense?	□Yes	□ No	□ Not Ans.
Is the suspect At Large?	□Yes	□No	□ Not Ans.
Check one: ☐ Victim screened in according to the protocol			

11. Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?

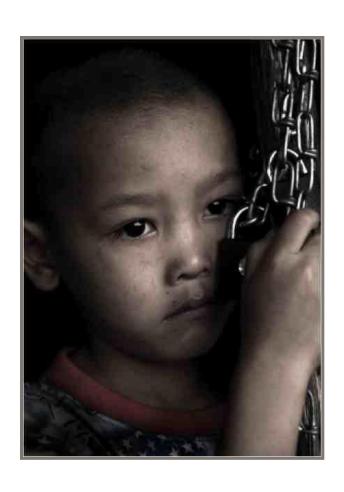
- □ Victim screened in based on the belief of officer
- □ Victim did not screen in

If victim screened in: After advising her/him of a high danger assessment, Yes□ No □ did the victim speak with the hotline counselor?

Note: The questions above and the criteria for determining the level of risk a person faces is based on the best available research on factors associated with lethal violence by a current or former intimate partner. However, each situation may present unique factors that influence risk for lethal violence that are not captured by this screen. Although most victims who screen "positive" or "high danger" would not be expected to be killed, these victims face much higher risk than that of other victims of intimate partner violence.

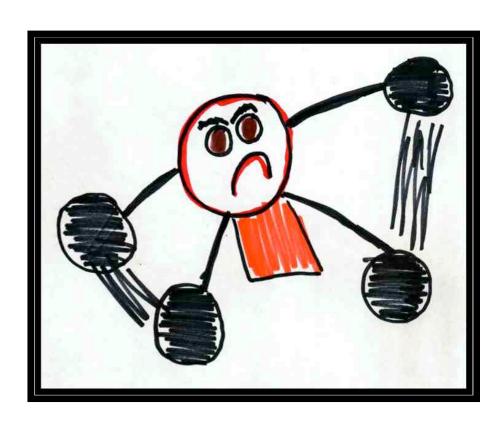


#### I Wish the Hitting Would Stop

































#### THANK YOU for what you do!

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