

FAMILY VIOLENCE



Child Abuse

Child abuse includes physical injury, sexual maltreatment, emotional maltreatment, spiritual maltreatment, deprivation of necessities, or combinations for a child by an individual responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances indicating that the child's welfare is harmed or threatened. The term encompasses both acts and omissions on the part of a responsible person.

(www.defenselink.mil/fapmip/glossary.htm)

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of purposeful, assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, spiritual and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion, that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partner in current or former dating, married, or cohabitating relationships of heterosexuals, gays, lesbians and transgendered persons.

(Family Violence Prevention Fund)

Elder Abuse

Elder abuse is defined by the negligence, isolation, abandonment, abduction, and/or the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, financial abuse of anyone over age 65.

(National Center on Elder Abuse)

Dependant Adult Abuse

Dependant adult abuse is defined by the negligence, isolation, abandonment, abduction, and/or the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, financial abuse of a physically or mentally dependant adult between the ages of 18-65.

(Safestate.org California Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center)