

IT SHOULDN'T HURT TO BE A FAMILY

Quiz for Parents

1. Do you have concerns about the way you or your partner relates to your children?
2. Do you have any concerns about your partner's sexual behavior toward the children? Is there fondling, unwanted touching or kissing? Does he expose the children to pornography (either directly or indirectly)?
3. Does your partner ever terrorize or scare the children, drive recklessly with them in the car, or drink and drive?
4. Has your partner ever threatened to hurt or kill your children in an effort to scare or punish you, or to prevent you from leaving?
5. Has your partner hit your children with belts, straps or other objects that have left marks, bruises, welts or other injuries?
6. Can you describe any assaults against YOU by your partner that the children witnessed? What did the children see or hear during the assault? What did they experience afterward (e.g., seeing their mother's injuries or the house torn apart)? What were the children's reactions?
7. Can you describe any assaults against YOU by your partner in which the children were caught in the middle (e.g., you were holding a child in your arms) or in which the children intervened? What happened?
8. Has your partner ever threatened to kidnap your child or failed to return the child to your care?
9. Do you ever feel unable to protect your children because of your partner's threats or assaults against you or them?
10. Has the domestic violence changed your relationship with your children in any way?
11. Have any of the children threatened or harmed you or others in the family?
12. Are any of the children having behavioral problems at home or at school that other people are complaining about? Are any of the children dealing with their anger differently or in disturbing ways?
13. Are any of the children displaying any of the symptoms listed above?

If you find yourself answering YES to any of these questions, it is important that you protect your children. Talk to a counselor, a religious leader, or trusted friend about how to help your child. In Amador County, there is FREE counseling available to children living in households where domestic violence occurs.

For more information, contact Operation Care at 209-223-2897.

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If you or someone you know needs help, call 911
Or call the 24-hour crisis line: 209.223.2600 or 1.800.675.3392.

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