WHAT IS DATING/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Dating/domestic violence occurs when one person in a relationship attempts to control the other through use of power and abuse. Abuse can include emotional abuse, verbal abuse, mental abuse, economic abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse.

Dating/domestic violence does not discriminate based on age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or economic status. It occurs in both casual and serious relationships. Although a large proportion of victims are women, men and transgender* individuals are also victims of abuse.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DATING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Dating violence is committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

Domestic violence is committed by a current or former spouse, a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse or Registered Domestic Partner, or any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under California law.

WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others. It can also cause the person to suffer substantial emotional distress.

WHITTIER COLLEGE RESOURCES

The Whittier College Support Person Program provides non-judgmental support, accompaniment, advising, and information: (562) 907-4233

The Whittier College Counseling Center provides in-office support from 8am - 5pm: (562) 907-4239 or reach the on-call counselor after hours through Campus Safety at (562) 907-4911

The Whittier College Health and Wellness Center provides general medical attention and birth control: (562) 464-4548

Whittier College encourages you to report sexual misconduct. You can report to various people:

Title IX Coordinator: (562) 907-4830
Title XI Investigator: (562) 907-4233
Campus Safety: (562) 907-4911

OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

The Women’s and Children’s Crisis Center provides shelter, advocates, support, information, and 24-hour crisis response: (562) 945-3939

The Los Angeles 24-hour Rape & Battering Hotline can help you find resources in your area of LA: (626) 793-3385

Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) in Whittier, CA works with a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to provide free, safe, private examinations for survivors of dating or domestic violence. Call Project Sister to set up an appointment 24 hours a day: (909) 626-4357

Whittier College encourages you to report to the Whittier Police Department: (562) 567-9200 or 911

Whittier College prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Please see the Sexual Misconduct Policy at:

www.whittier.edu/smap

See something. Say something. Do something.
THE WARNING SIGNS

DO YOU:
Feel afraid of your partner?
Avoid certain topics out of fear of angering your partner?
Feel that you can’t do anything right for your partner?
Believe that you deserve to be hurt or mistreated?
Feel like you’re going crazy?
Feel emotionally numb or helpless?

DOES YOUR PARTNER:
Humiliate or yell at you?
Criticize and put you down?
Treat you so badly that you’re embarrassed for your friends or family to see?
Act excessively jealous and possessive?
Control where you go or what you do?
Threaten where you go or what you do?
Threaten to commit suicide if you leave them?
Threaten or physically harm you?

THE FACTS:
29% of college women and 17% of college men say they have been in an abusive relationship at some point in their lives.*
52% of college women reported knowing a friend who has experienced violent and abusive dating behaviors.*


WHAT YOU CAN DO:
If you feel powerless or scared in your relationship there are people and resources that can help.

1. Are you safe?
If you do NOT feel safe, call 911 or Campus Safety immediately at (562) 907-4911. Secure the room you’re in by locking or blocking doors and windows while you call for assistance.

If you do not feel safe in the room you’re in, go to a place where you feel safe. Whittier College has safe rooms available on campus (Campus Safety or the Dean of Students can help with this).

2. Do you need medical attention?
Sexual Assault Response Team nurses at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital provide free medical services and evidence collection for dating and domestic violence survivors 24 hours a day. If you are thinking about reporting the abuse, you can preserve evidence by keeping any clothes worn, sheets, or other evidence at the scene in a paper bag, and if possible, do not shower, cleanse, douche, urinate, defecate, eat, drink, or brush teeth.

However, evidence can still be collected up to five days after an incident and medical attention is important at any time.

3. Who can provide you with support and resources?
Whether you would like emotional support, medical attention, shelter or a safe room, a no-contact or restraining order, or want to report to Whittier College or the police, there are resources available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (see the resources panel for contact information).

4. Do you want to report the abuse?
Whittier College encourages students to report all incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking to the College and to the Whittier Police Department.

RESOURCES
The Whittier College Counseling Center will keep what you tell them completely confidential and there are counselors on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Whittier College Support Person Program is a group of faculty and administrators that have been specially trained to understand all of the resources for survivors on and off campus, and can guide you through whatever you need. They need to report statistics to Whittier College, but not identifying information unless the Whittier College community is at risk of future incidents.

If you want to report the incident to Whittier College, you can tell a number of people, including the Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigators through the Dean of Students Office. If you want to make a report after 5 PM, Campus Safety is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Women’s and Children’s Crisis Center of Whittier and the LA 24-hour Rape & Battering Hotline can also provide you with 24-hour support and assistance in the Whittier and Los Angeles area and will keep your information confidential.

Additionally, you can file a formal report with the Whittier Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.