

Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence



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About KAN-WIN:

Korean American Women In Need (KAN-WIN) is a domestic violence/sexual assault services agency serving Asian immigrants in the greater Chicagoland Area.

NUMBERS TO CALL:

24-Hour Hotline:
773-583-0880
Chicago Office:
773-583-1392
Des Plaines Office:
847-299-1392

IF YOU NEED HELP:

- Contact Police
- Call Crisis Hotlines
- Seek Medical Assistance
- Notify Friend Or Trusted Family Member

Domestic Violence:
What is it? It is a pattern of verbal, physical, sexual, emotional, psychological or financial abuse, threats or coercion used by one person to exert control over another in a dating, family or household relationship.

*There is NO
Excuse*

*It is NEVER the
Victim's Fault!*

FACTS

ABUSE can be PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, or ECONOMICAL. ¹

BATTERY is NOT a temporary loss of temper; it is a CRIME.

DATA

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IMPACTS:

- 25% of ALL women. ²
- 1.3 million women annually in the U.S. ³
- Children at an alarming rate. More than five children die every day as a result of child abuse. And about 30% of abused and neglected children will later abuse their own children. ⁴

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ASIAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES:

- 41% to 60% of respondents in surveys of Asian ethnic groups in the U.S. have reported experiencing domestic violence during their lifetime.⁵
- In the greater Chicagoland area, 72% of Asian immigrant survey respondents said they or someone they know experienced domestic violence.⁶
- Asian victims are 4 times less likely to seek help than Whites, Blacks, or Latinos. ⁷
- Common barriers for immigrants in seeking help:
 - Language barriers limiting access to help;
 - Fear of deportation;
 - Fear of police and judicial system;
 - Cultural/religious issues;
 - Isolation & lack of resources; and
 - Lack of knowledge and misinformation about various systems in America.⁸

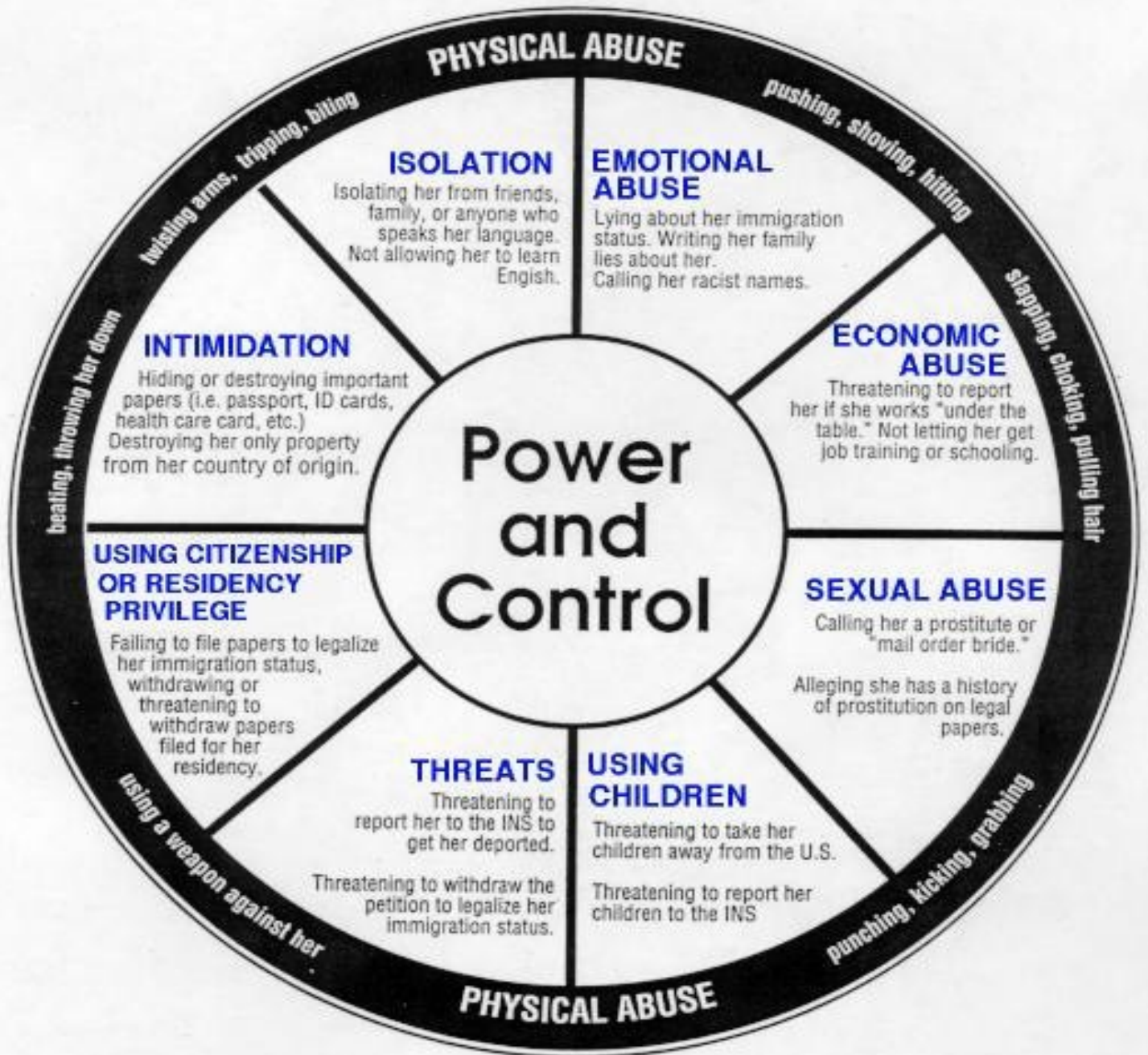
Rights & Options

ALL PEOPLE IN THE U.S., REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, ARE GUARANTEED BASIC PROTECTIONS UNDER LAW:

- Right to call the police and report crime;
- Right to obtain protection order;
- Right to legal separation or divorce;
- Right to ask for custody & financial support;
- Right to access help!
- The **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** created special routes to immigration status for certain battered immigrant victims.
- **U-Visa** gives victims of violent crimes temporary legal status and work eligibility in the U.S. for up to 4 years

There are LAWS & POLICIES that PROTECT immigrant victims of domestic violence!
Call KAN-WIN's 24-hotline to learn about rights and options available for victims!

Power and Control Wheel (Immigrant-Specific)



Above Power & Control Wheel was published by National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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