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## Human Rights Task Force Domestic Violence Information Sheet

Domestic Violence is a pattern of coercive behaviour used by a person against his or her family or partner to gain power and control over them. *Behaviour may include:* Verbal abuse like name calling or insults • Threats to cause physical harm • Emotional and psychological intimidation • Physical abuse like pushing, hitting, slapping or throwing things • Isolation from family and friends • Harming pets • Economic control • Sexual abuse or mistreatment

### Where to get help:

**The Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center (AODVC)** serves abused Americans, mostly women and children, in both civilian and military populations overseas. AODVC helps with:

- Advocacy to obtain resources
- Long term case management
- Comprehensive safety planning
- Attorney consultations
- Danger-to-Safety relocation
- Telephone and/or in-person counselling
- Housing and utility assistance
- Assistance with emergency/basic needs
- Travel logistics and discounted airfare.
- Assistance with legal retainers for battered mothers to file for child custody.

AODVC 24/7 Toll-Free Crisis Hotline

1. Visit: [866uswomen.org](http://866uswomen.org)
2. Search for your country access number here: [www.att.com/esupport/traveler.jsp](http://www.att.com/esupport/traveler.jsp)
3. Dial AT&T USADirect access number
4. At the prompt, enter 866-USWOMEN (879-6636).

To email:  
[866uswomen@866uswomen.org](mailto:866uswomen@866uswomen.org)



### Do you know someone living with Domestic Violence?

- Be a good listener. • Don't judge.
  - Let them know they are special to you.
  - Tell them they deserve to be treated with kindness and respect.
- Encourage them to contact one of the listed organizations for help and advice.

### Other resources:

• **Hot Peach Pages:**

To access a global inventory of hotlines, shelters & crisis centers visit: [www.hotpeachpages.net](http://www.hotpeachpages.net)

• **US Bureau of Consular Affairs: US Embassies, Consulates and Diplomatic Missions**

Help for American Victims of Crime Overseas go to: [www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov) or [www.travel.state.gov/travel](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel) and select:

1. *Emergencies and Crisis*
2. *Help for U.S. Citizen Victims of Crime Overseas*

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