

# STOP Juvenile Domestic Violence



Abusive behavior tends to become more severe and violent over time.

Don't ignore these signs:

### Tension Phase

- Clenched fist
- Red face
- Raised voice

### Crisis Phase

- Swearing
- Throwing things
- Slapping
- Pushing
- Punching walls
- Threatening with weapons

### Calm Phase

- Guilt/blaming
- Avoidance
- Promises/Apologies



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There's **HELP**  
for you and  
your family



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## Facts about juveniles who commit domestic violence

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Every home is different and so is every family. Disagreements occur in all families. However, violence or the threat of violence is not a disagreement. It is abusive behavior and it's against the law.



Juvenile Domestic Violence touches all families from all cultural, educational, religious affiliations, occupations, and socio-economic backgrounds.

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Being stressed, angry, or drunk does not excuse violence. If your teen uses abusive behavior to get power and control in your family, don't wait to get help. Violence in the home affects everyone in the family. It sends a frightening message to siblings when a parent is abused.

## Community Services Available

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Family Reconciliation Services (free counseling for families in crisis)	360-725-6701
Safeplace	360-754-6300
Family Education/Support Ctr.	360-754-2629
Positive Power in Parenting (free parenting forum & classes)	360-709-3131
WA State Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-562-6025
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233
Behavioral Health Resources (BHR)	360-704-7170
Community Youth Services	360-943-0780
Juvenile Probation Department	360-709-3131
Crisis Clinic (24 hour assistance)	360-586-2800
Family Court Domestic Violence Liaison	360-709-3268
Crime Victim Compensation Program	1-800-762-3716
Sexual Assault Clinic	360-493-7469
National Victim Center	1-800-394-2255
Victims of Crime Resource Ctr.	1-800-627-6872
Juvenile Detention Mental Health Prof.	360-709-3176
Juvenile Detention Chemical Dependency Specialist	360-709-3177

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For more information on resources available contact:

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Juvenile Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviors that are used by youth against their parents, siblings, and relatives. This includes:

- **Physical Abuse** - Hitting, slapping, punching, shoving, or using weapons and other objects to cause injury.
- **Intimidation / Emotional Abuse** - Name calling, denial, threatening to harm self/others, abusing siblings, using threatening looks, actions or gestures.
- **Property Abuse** - Stealing or destroying belongings, money; interfering with reporting of domestic violence, punching holes in walls.

Battering is not caused by using drugs, alcohol, mental illness, being "provoked", stress, or poor anger control. Batterers choose to be abusive.

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This is not an isolated problem. Thurston County Juvenile Court sees an average of 171 domestic violence cases every year.