

Abuse & Domestic Violence

According to the law (10 Del. C. § 1041), **ABUSE** is:

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| A | Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause physical injury or a sexual offense, as defined in § 761 of Title 11; |
| B | Intentionally or recklessly placing or attempting to place another person in reasonable apprehension of physical injury or sexual offense to such person or another; |
| C | Intentionally or recklessly damaging, destroying or taking the tangible property of another person; |
| D | Engaging in a course of alarming or distressing conduct in a manner which is likely to cause fear or emotional distress or to provoke a violent or disorderly response; |
| E | Trespassing on or in property of another person, or on or in property from which the trespasser has been excluded by court order; |
| F | Child abuse, as defined in Chapter 9 of Title 16; |
| G | Unlawful imprisonment, kidnapping, interference with custody and coercion, as defined in Title 11; or |
| H | Any other conduct which a reasonable person under the circumstances would find threatening or harmful. |

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is when **ABUSE** happens within family and intimate partner relationships, including:

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| Spouse or former spouse | Parent or child (including step- and in-law) |
| Persons living together as a couple | Brother or sister (including in-law), |
| Persons living apart but who have a child in common; | Son or daughter (including in-law and even if parental rights have been terminated), |
| Persons who are or were in a dating relationship; | Grandparent or grandchild; or |
| Custodian (or guardian) and child; | Any persons related by blood, adoption or marriage living together as a family. |