

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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*Domestic violence is not a private family matter. It's against the law. If you are a victim **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** – but if we don't know about it, we can't help you.*

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any assault, battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment or criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death perpetrated by one intimate partner against another.

You are in an abusive relationship if your partner:

- prevents you from seeing friends or family
- threatens to hurt or kill you, your children, your family, friends or pets
- yells at you, reprimands you or demeans you
- inflicts physical injury on you in any way
- prevents you from getting or keeping a job
- keeps you from leaving or entering the house
- does not allow you to know about family finances or keeps you in poverty



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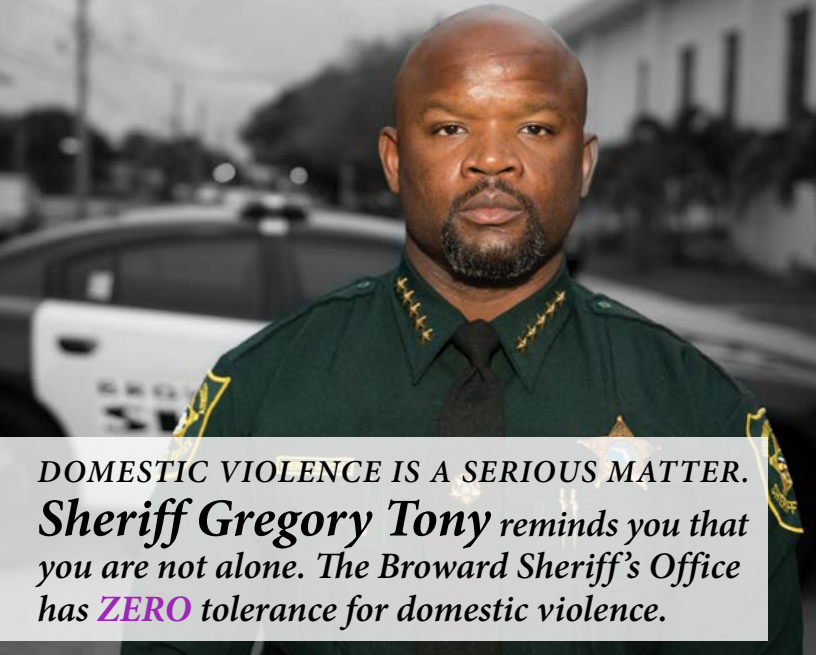
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REPORT ABUSE THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENS



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A SERIOUS MATTER.
Sheriff Gregory Tony reminds you that you are not alone. The Broward Sheriff's Office has **ZERO** tolerance for domestic violence.

Waiting for the abusive or violent behavior to change could cost a life. Let us help protect you and your children.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence:

- Dial 9-1-1 to get immediate assistance from law enforcement.
- Call BSO's Victim Services section at **954.321.4200** to report violence and learn about legal options.
- Call Women in Distress at **954.761.1133** (available 24 hours) for emergency shelter and resources, counseling or ongoing needs. You may also visit www.womenindistress.org for more information.
- Call the Abuse Hotline at **1.800.96.ABUSE** to report abuse against children or elderly.

For more information about domestic violence prevention, call

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