

DO NOT LET OUR CHILDREN SUFFER



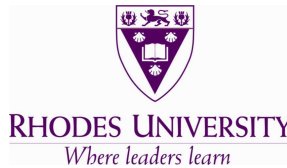
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# WHAT IS ABUSE?



## ARE YOU A VICTIM?

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## GET HELP!

# LET NO ONE VIOLATE YOUR RIGHTS

Did you know that there are many people who live for years experiencing ill-treatment and abuse from other people.

Most of their abusers are people they know, love and trust.

It is now common to see children raped by their neighbours, uncle, own fathers and grandfather. These are all people who are expected to defend the children from any harm.

It is also common to witness abuse of women by their husbands. However, the abuse of husbands by wives is happening too. The problem with this is that men, especially African men, do not want to speak out for they fear that people will laugh at them and think that they are weak.

Nobody is meant to suffer at the hands of another.

Do not accept that kind of treatment.

Take action.

The law can protect you.

- Do you and your spouse discuss the spending of salaries?
- Are the family needs i.e. food and children clothing adequately met?
- Do children have enough blankets to keep them warm?
- Does your family allow you to be part of decision making about spending your salary?

If you answer **NO** the above questions, you may be a victim of economic abuse.

Take action and get help!

## To the Children

- Is there anybody you know, at home, school, church, anywhere who keeps on touching your body (especially private parts)?
- Is there anyone who relates to you in a derogatory and disparaging manner?
- Is there anyone at home, school or in the community who stigmatise you by calling you names that make you feel embarrassed?

- Is there anyone you know who abuses a person with disabilities? This may be verbally, sexually, economically or in any manner that you disapprove of.
- Does your father often beat or even swear at your mother?
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- Are there any people you know who misuse social grant money of a child or anybody else by buying themselves clothes; liquor etc, while the beneficiary is suffering?

If you answer **YES**, to the above questions, you need help.

Tell someone you trust and ask for help.

For these and other problems, you can contact anyone at the organisations listed on the reverse.