

1 in 4 women in Ireland experience domestic violence and abuse. It can happen to any woman, at any age and from any background. **Domestic abuse in pregnancy is common and high risk. Know the signs.**

10 Common Signs of Domestic Abuse:

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They complain that you spend too much time with friends and family and make you feel guilty if you don't spend all your free time with them.

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They send you constant texts and get mad if you don't respond right away.

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They tell you how to dress, criticise your clothes and undermine how you think or feel.

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They have a bad temper and you feel afraid to disagree with them.

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They accuse you of cheating on them all the time.

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They ask for all your passwords so they can check your messages.

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They pressure or coerce you to do things sexually that you don't want to do.

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They control your access to basic essentials such as the car, family finances, food, the telephone, internet, and healthcare appointments.

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They are physically violent to you and often the assaults are aimed at your abdomen.

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They have threatened to hurt you, themselves or others if you end the relationship.

We're here to support you

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, **you can talk to a member of hospital staff** who will be able to provide assistance. Or you can call the Women's Aid 24hr National Freephone Helpline on **1800 341 900** or use the Instant Message Support Service on www.womensaid.ie (open mornings and evenings, 7 days a week).

Working in partnership to believe, support and empower women subjected to domestic abuse.