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How we can all help reduce family violence

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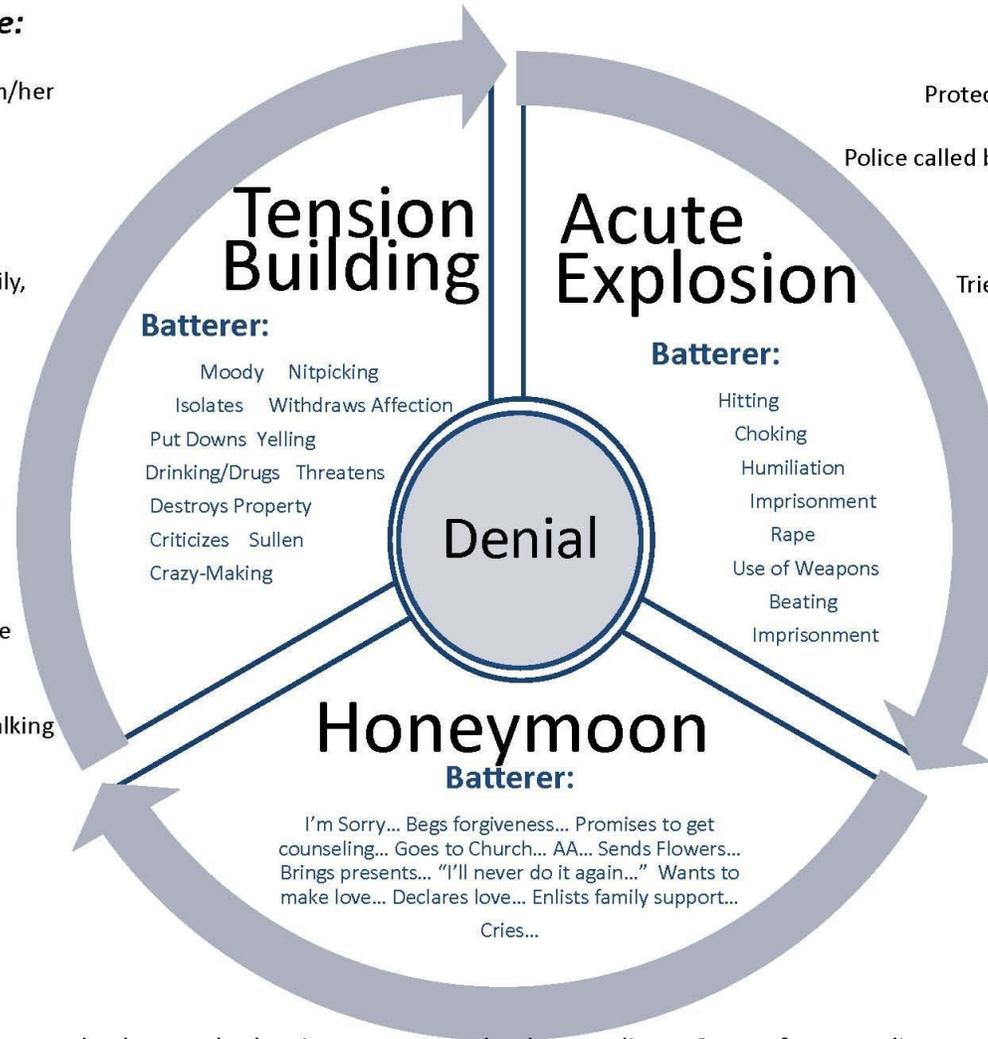
- 6 Americans per year are killed by foreign-born terrorists
- 3 American women are killed **every day** by intimate partners

TYPES OF ABUSE

- Physical
- Sexual
- Financial
- Verbal
- Emotional

Victim Response:

- Attempts to calm him/her
- Nurturing
- Silent/Talkative
- Stays away from family, friends
- Keeps kids quiet
- Agrees
- Withdraws
- Tries to reason
- Cooks his/her favorite dinner
- General feeling of walking on eggshells



Victim Response:

- Protects herself anyway she can
- Police called by her/him, kids, neighbor
- Tries to calm batterer
- Tries to Reason with batterer
- Leaves
- Fights back

Victim Response:

- Agrees to stay, returns, or takes batterer back.... Attempts to stop legal proceedings... Sets up for counseling appointments for batterer...
- Feels Happy, Hopeful

MYTHS ABOUT FAMILY VIOLENCE

- “If it was that bad, why didn’t she leave?”
 - There are a variety of reasons women stay:
 - Economic dependence
 - Children
 - Religion
 - Psychological factors

Why didn't she just leave?

- Leaving is the most dangerous thing a woman can do
- *“The statistics are that women in abusive relationships are about 500 many times more at risk when they leave. Domestic violence is all about power and control, and when a woman leaves, a man has lost his power and control.”*

WHAT CAN WE ALL DO TO ADDRESS FAMILY VIOLENCE?

- What do victims need?
 - MONEY
 - FOOD, CLOTHING, AND SHELTER
 - A WAY TO CALL FOR HELP
 - TRANSPORTATION
 - LEGAL REPRESENTATION
 - COUNSELING

WHAT CAN WE ALL DO TO ADDRESS FAMILY VIOLENCE?

- **In your community:**
 - Support Family Violence facilities
 - Advocate for resources and training for first responders
 - Hold your prosecutors accountable for taking Family Violence seriously

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- **Involve your faith community:**
 - Many women turn first to a priest, minister, rabbi, or other faith leader
 - The support (or lack thereof) she receives can determine life or death
 - Leaders need training and resources to respond effectively

WHAT CAN WE ALL DO TO ADDRESS FAMILY VIOLENCE?

- If you, personally, know a victim (or suspect abuse):
 - Offer her a place to stay
 - Don't stop listening after the seventh time
 - Help her find a counselor
 - Give her a “burner” phone
 - Drop by

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- **Support Legal Aid!**

THE KEY

