

Vietnamese DV Topic - English Translation

VIET DV-What is DV

Has your husband or boyfriend hit or pushed you? Have they threatened to hurt you?

If you answered "yes" even once, your husband or boyfriend is abusive.

In the United States, domestic violence is illegal. You and your children have the right to be safe.

VIET DV-Call 911

Call 911 if you are in immediate danger. Tell someone you trust about what happened. If you are hurt, go to the emergency room or your doctor. Tell them what happened.

Call the national domestic violence hotline for help at 1-800-799-7233. You can call at any time of the day or night. The hotline can help you make a safety plan, in case there is an emergency. If you decide to leave home, the hotline can help you do this safely. The hotline can also help you and your children find a safe place to stay.

VIET DV-Safety Planning

Leave an "emergency kit" with somebody you trust. Include money, important papers, ID, green card, keys, clothes, medicine and other things you really need.

In violent situations, stay away from rooms that don't have a way out. Stay away from the kitchen and other rooms that have dangerous objects. Slowly move to an area that is more open and public.

Talk to a neighbor you trust. Make a signal with your neighbor that means "call the police." For example, your signal could be pulling down a certain window shade.

VIET DV-Order of Protection

Legal Aid may be able to help you get a court order, to protect you and your children. Legal Aid might also be able to help if you have problems with public benefits, housing or other legal problems.

If you don't speak English, you have the right to a free, trained interpreter.

VIET DV-Immigration

Everything you tell a health care provider, the domestic violence hotline or Legal Aid is confidential. If you are not in the U.S. legally, none of these organizations will contact immigration. Because of your situation, you may be able to get a green card or a special immigration visa. Contact Legal Aid for more information.