

Abuse & Domestic Violence

According to the law (10 Del. C. § 1041), ABUSE is:

A	Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause physical injury or a sexual offense, as defined in § 761 of Title 11;
B	Intentionally or recklessly placing or attempting to place another person in reasonable apprehension of physical injury or sexual offense to such person or another, including inflicting physical injury on any companion animal or service animal;
C	Intentionally or recklessly damaging, destroying or taking the tangible property of another person, including conduct that is directed toward any companion animal or service animal;
D	Engaging in a course of alarming or distressing conduct in a manner which is likely to cause fear or emotional distress or to provoke a violent or disorderly response;
E	Trespassing on or in property of another person, or on or in property from which the trespasser has been excluded by court order;
F	Child abuse, as defined in Chapter 9 of Title 16;
G	Unlawful imprisonment, kidnapping, interference with custody and coercion, as defined in Title 11; or
H	Maintaining overwhelming control over a person’s financial resources including withholding access to money or credit cards, forbidding attendance at school or employment, stealing, or defrauding of money or assets, exploiting resources for personal gain, or withholding food, clothing, necessary medications, or shelter.
I	Any other conduct which a reasonable person under the circumstances would find threatening or harmful.
J	Any of the following acts when used as a method of coercion, control, punishment, or intimidation of a person who has a close bond of affection to the companion animal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inflicting or attempting to inflict physical injury on the companion animal. • engaging in conduct which is likely to cause the person to fear that the companion animal will be physically injured. • engaging in cruelty to the companion animal under Section 1325 of Title 11.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is when ABUSE happens within family and intimate partner relationships, including:

<p>Spouse or former spouse;</p> <p>Persons living together as a couple;</p> <p>Persons living apart but who have a child in common;</p> <p>Persons who are or were in a dating relationship;</p> <p>Custodian (or guardian) and child;</p>	<p>Parent or child (including step- and in-law);</p> <p>Brother or sister (including in-law);</p> <p>Son or daughter (including in-law and even if parental rights have been terminated);</p> <p>Grandparent or grandchild; or</p> <p>Any persons related by blood, adoption or marriage living together as a family.</p>
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