



### DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

Examples might include:

- Making verbal threats towards you or others you care about
- Limiting your access to friends, family or loved ones, money or the ability to earn money
- Stopping you from leaving the property, controlling where you go or locking you out
- Belittling you or putting you down
- Slapping, punching or attacking you with an object(s)
- Sexually abusing you
- Making you do things you do not like or want to do

### WHO CAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECT?

Domestic violence can happen regardless of the relationship between victim and perpetrator. It may be between:

- Same or different sex partners
- Brothers and sisters
- Older and younger family members
- Carers and dependents
- Ex-partners

### WHAT DO I DO IF I BELIEVE I'M A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

If you believe you're a victim of domestic violence or suspect that another person may be a victim, you can report it to any member of LHA staff. We will take your concerns seriously and treat information in confidence.

How we can help depends on each case but our support can include:

- Completing repairs and improving security
- Help in finding temporary or permanent alternative housing
- Resolving tenancy related issues
- Contacting other agencies that provide support
- Help in getting specialised legal advice.

**Domestic violence is a crime. It is never acceptable and it can never be excused.**



## Customer information

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

We're committed to ensuring that everyone has a life free from the fear of domestic violence.

### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

It could be:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Psychological abuse
- Economic abuse or,
- Abuse by way of neglect

It can affect any person in the home, male or female.

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