

Assistance in cases of domestic violence

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Domestic Violence

What is domestic violence?

With domestic violence, you tend to think of a man who beats his wife or his children. However, there are many more types of domestic violence. Threatening someone is violence. Locking someone in the house, forcing someone to have sex or financially exploiting the person is also violence. Even shunning someone completely and shutting him/her out because the family honour is at stake, is a form of violence.

Definition of domestic violence

“Violence perpetrated by someone belonging to the family circle of the victim: that is, (ex-) partners, family members, relatives and family friends.” The concept of domestic violence is related to the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim and not to the place where the violence was committed. Domestic violence can also mean the infringement of personal integrity. It can include physical violence (abuse), psychological or emotional abuse (name calling, teasing, belittling, threats, stalking), unwanted sexual advances or sexual abuse.

Ikazia

The Rotterdam–Rijnmond region has placed the tackling of child abuse high on the agenda. Domestic violence is a major problem, often with serious consequences for those involved. The Netherlands has an estimated 119,000* victims of violence or abuse annually.

The most important way to call a halt to domestic violence is by early identification, reporting and opening up for discussion. In addition, the aim is to stop domestic violence as soon as possible and thus to prevent the transmission of violence and abuse between generations.

Therefore, the doctors and nurses in the Ikazia hospital have been trained to act in accordance with the guidelines of the national MELDCODE [Reporting Code].

This reporting code has been developed by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.

This means for you, as a patient, that if there is the suspicion of domestic violence, we will discuss this with you and together will look at the possible steps that can be taken. And you will also be offered an appointment with the coordinator for child care and domestic violence.

Coordinator for child care and domestic violence

In the Ikazia Hospital, there is a Coordinator for childcare and domestic violence on staff. She can discuss any ambiguities with you. She can also support you in looking for help from, for example, the counselling centre for domestic violence.

What does this mean for you as a patient?

If you are older than 18 years of age at the time of the visit to our hospital, we offer you with a meeting with the coordinator of the Ikazia hospital. In the case of a minor child involved in domestic violence, the reporting code for the alerting of child abuse goes into force. Moreover, we are obliged to follow the reporting code, and we report concerns even without permission (about the minor child in your family) to the Child Abuse Counselling and Reporting Centre (AMK).

Seeking help

Are you a victim of domestic violence or are you a witness to domestic violence in your environment? Do not let this pass! Report domestic violence to the Domestic Violence Advice and Support Centre: (010) 44 38 444. Professional counsellors are there to assist you 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

It is also possible that you yourself use violence and that you now regret it. Remember that your problem will not go away by itself, but can be solved. Find help as soon as possible! Please contact the staff of the Domestic Violence Advice and Support Centre: (010) 44 38 444.

In conclusion

Ikazia Hospital is committed to the safety and well-being of all patients. By using the reporting code of Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport and by following their example within the Ikazia hospital, we hope to identify difficult situations at home or in the home environment and deploy help in time where needed.

You can also request a meeting with the coordinator if you have questions about the procedure in the Ikazia hospital and/or have a request for help in the family situation.

That is possible from Monday to Friday through the general telephone number of the Ikazia Hospital:

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