

NATURE AND CONSEQUENCES OF ABUSE

Type of Abuse	Nature	Consequences
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushed, slapped, punched, kicked • Use of restraints or blocking escape • Objects thrown or weapons used • Strangulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenderness or acute pain • Bruises, cuts, bites • Scars, deformities • Chronic pain • Loss of function or impaired functioning
Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulting, blaming • Threats, punishing or disciplining behavior • Controlling time and money • Accusations and excessive jealousy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation • Depression/Suicidality • Poor self esteem • Anxiety/Fear • Somatization • PTSD • Substance Abuse
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coercion economic submission • Coercion of economic support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment • Failure to attain educational or career goals • Eviction or homelessness • Debt, bad credit history
Sexual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coercive sexual behavior • Forced sex or sex under threat • Unsafe sex • Non-cooperation with birth control • Nonconsensual pain during sex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ano-genital trauma • STD's • Recurrent UTI's • Unwanted pregnancy • Sexual dysfunction • Pelvic pain

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