

Definition of Relationship Violence:

Relationship violence can be defined as repeated behaviors such as threats, verbal abuse and physical assaults, involving adults who are in an intimate dating relationship. Relationship violence typically refers to two adults who are not married, not living together, and have no children in common.

Signs That A Relationship May Be Abusive:

Has your partner ever.....

- Ignored your feelings?
- Ridiculed or insulted your gender as a group?
- Ridiculed or insulted your most valued beliefs, your religion, race, heritage, or class?
- Withheld approval, appreciation, or affection as a punishment?
- Continually criticized you, called you names, shouted at you?
- Humiliated you in private or in public?
- Refused to socialize with you?
- Harassed you about imagined affairs?
- Manipulated you with lies and contradictions?
- Destroyed furniture, punched holes in walls, broke appliances?

REMEMBER: Answering “yes” to any of the above questions does not necessarily mean the relationship is abusive. The list merely serves as a guide to help determine if the relationship may be abusive. If you are unsure if your relationship is abusive or not, call one of the on-campus or off-campus numbers listed on the Crime Definitions and Resource site and ask to speak with someone about your relationship.

http://www.belmont.edu/ocs/crime_definitions_and_resource_information.html