

# Abuse Help Lines

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### What Is Abuse?

Abuse is a pattern of verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual behaviours used by one person in order to gain power and control over another person. When you are being abused you may feel afraid, worthless and helpless.

### Who Is Abused?

Anyone can be a victim of abuse, regardless of ethnic background, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, religion, marital, financial or employment status.

### Are You Being Abused?

Please remember that no one has the right to hurt you. You have the right to be free from abuse. You are not at fault and do not cause the abuse.

#### The following are some of the signs of abuse:

- Ignoring or minimizing your feelings
- Constantly criticizing, insulting and calling you names
- Humiliating you in public or private
- Refusing to help you when you are sick or injured
- Controlling all the money
- Locking you out of your home
- Isolating you from your family, friends, work and community support
- Controlling where you go and what you do
- Checking up on you constantly
- Blaming you for the abuse that occurs
- Playing mind games
- Threatening to: hurt you, take your children, harm your family and hurt you with a weapon
- Pushing, shoving, throwing objects at you
- Hitting, choking, punching, biting, slapping, kicking you

If any of these things are happening to you, consider talking to someone who can help.

### Help Is Available

Admitting to and breaking free from abuse can be very hard, even dangerous. Agencies and organizations that can help are listed on this page. Safe housing, counselling, support groups and referrals to legal and financial assistance are just a few of the services that are available for people living with abuse. In addition, PATHS's website has information on abuse in many languages. For more information, visit [www.abusehelplines.org](http://www.abusehelplines.org).

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Emergency Services ..... 911
- \* Prince Albert Mobile Crisis (24 hrs) ..... 764-1011

### HELP LINES

- \* Crisis Line - Northeast (24 hrs) ..... 1-800-611-6349
- \* Kids Help Phone (24 hrs) ..... 1-800-668-6868
- \* La Ronge Crisis Line (24 hrs) ..... 425-4090
- \* Prince Albert Sexual Assault Centre (24 hrs) ..... 764-1039

### SAFE SHELTERS

- \*Children's Haven - Prince Albert (24 hrs) ..... 922-4454
- \* Piwapan Women's Centre - La Ronge (24 hrs) ..... 425-3900
- \* Prince Albert Safe Shelter For Women (24 hrs) ..... 764-7233
- \* Prince Albert Safe Shelter 2nd Stage ..... 764-7233
- YWCA ..... 763-8571
- YWCA Our House (24 hrs - men & women) ..... 922-6162

### COUNSELLING & SUPPORT SERVICES

- Hudson Bay Family and Support Centre ..... 865-3064
- Iskwew: Women Helping Women ..... 953-6229
- Melfort - Marguerite Riel Centre ..... 752-4950
- Melfort - Mental Health ..... 752-8767
- Ministry of Social Services ..... Prince Albert 953-2345  
..... Melfort 752-6100  
..... Nipawin 862-1700  
..... La Ronge 425-4544
- Native Co-ordinating Council Family Services ..... 764-1652
- N.E. Outreach & Support Services ..... Melfort 752-9464  
..... or 1-800-611-6349
- Nipawin Community Services ..... 862-9822
- P.A.G.C. Urban Services ..... 765-5300
- \* Prince Albert Catholic Family Services ..... 922-3202
- \* Prince Albert Child Protection Services ..... 953-2345
- Prince Albert Mental Health - New Choices For Men ..... 765-6055
- Victim Services ..... Carrot River 768-1208  
..... Cumberland House 888-5557  
..... Hudson Bay 865-5562  
..... La Ronge 425-4378  
..... Melfort 752-6435  
..... Nipawin 862-6279  
..... Porcupine Plains 278-8180  
..... Prince Albert 953-4357  
..... Prince Albert Region 765-5574  
..... Tisdale 878-3819

\* These agencies **do not** subscribe to Call or Name Display.

The Provincial Association of Transition Houses of Saskatchewan (PATHS) designed the Abuse Help Lines page to assist anyone in an abusive situation. The law says when a child witnesses family violence, it is child abuse. Child abuse will not stop until family violence stops. For more information visit: [www.abusehelplines.org](http://www.abusehelplines.org)

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