

Is it abuse?

Abuse can happen to *any* woman.

Abusers control and frighten women in many different ways. The abuse may be frequent, rare, or increase over time. It doesn't matter how often it happens or what form it takes, it is abuse and it is wrong. No one deserves to be abused.

An abuser may:

- Physically hurt a woman, her loved ones or her pets
- Threaten to hurt her, others or himself
- Force sex acts
- Threaten to take away her children or call Children's Aid Society
- Threaten her immigration status
- Call her names or say bad things about her in private or in front of others, including her children
- Control who she sees and talks to
- Interfere with her job
- Control the household money
- Prevent her from practicing her religion or make her practice something she doesn't believe in
- Abuse the legal system to make her life difficult

Thinking about leaving?

Leaving a relationship can be the most dangerous time for a woman and her children.

If you or a woman you know is thinking about leaving an abusive relationship make safety the top priority.

For 24 hour crisis assistance call the Assaulted Women's Hotline at 1.866.863.0511.

For non-crisis planning on how to leave safely, contact Luke's Place so we can:

- Help you make a safety plan
- Discuss your case, identify your needs and help set goals
- Help you understand the family law process and how it applies to your case
- Offer summary legal advice from family law lawyers
- Help you complete legal forms, collect evidence and record the abuse you have experienced for court
- Help you through the legal aid process
- Help you work effectively with your lawyer and court services
- Accompany you to legal appointments and court and debrief outcomes
- Provide referrals to other services you may need

Luke's Place received the Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction in 2008 and 2014.

Call today for advice on how to stay safer through the legal process.
905.728.0978 or 1.866.516.3116

Luke's Place offers

- Free family law support in confidential and accessible Oshawa and Ajax locations
- Individual consultations with Legal Support Workers
- Summary legal advice from a family law lawyer and assistance with court documents at our Legal Clinic
- Group support sessions and legal information workshops
- Family law support referrals for men who have experienced abuse
- Resource library and online reference manuals

We acknowledge the support of



The Law Foundation of Ontario
Building a better foundation for justice in Ontario

"I was lost. I did not know how to deal with the family legal system. Luke's Place was there for me every step of the way!"

Luke's Place provides training and resources for service providers across the province and at www.lukesplacetraining.ca

Support & Resource Centre for Women & Children



Change her experience. Change their lives.

Every year, we provide support to hundreds of women as they make their way through the family law process. Our vision is a family law system that promotes healthy, safe families.

We are named after a 3½ year old boy who was killed by his father during his first unsupervised access visit in 1997 in Durham Region. Following Luke's death, the community came together to work towards making sure no other child would face a similar fate.



Luke's Place is in critical need of funding and the best way to help is by making a donation. Explore other great ways to get involved at www.makechange.ca and choose Luke's Place as your regular charity to help change...

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Are you

- Thinking about leaving an abusive relationship?
- In the early stages of separation?
- Concerned for someone you care about?

Luke's Place can help

We work to improve the safety and experience of abused women and their children who are or who may become involved with the family law system.

We help women feel empowered as they address challenges in the family law process and move on to build better lives for themselves and their children.

You can take the next step towards a life free from abuse by calling today to make a confidential appointment.

"I would have been just finished that day had Luke's Place not been there to help."

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This is not our service address.
Please call to make an appointment at our confidential location.

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