

Further help

Army Welfare Service / SSAFA / Naval Service Families and People Support

Provide professional, confidential welfare support to Serving personnel and their families. They work in support of the Chain of Command / line manager but remain independent from it.

Civil Servants

MOD Civilian Staff experiencing emotional problems as a result of domestic or work-placed issues can access the Employee Wellbeing Service (EWS) for professional, confidential support. The Charity for Civil Servants offers confidential support and advice on a range of topics, including domestic abuse

Unit Welfare Officers

UWOs are part of the Chain of Command and work to the MoD code of confidentiality

Chain of Command

Commanding Officers will fully support you in accessing help and to keep you safe

Military Police

To report domestic abuse incidents and / or seek information and support

Garrison HQ Support

Provides signposting and information

Armed Forces Families Federations

Information, signposting and advice for families of serving personnel. AFF Foreign & Commonwealth team can support domestic abuse victims with immigration concerns

Nepali Domestic Abuse Service

Support for non-English speaking Nepali victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse

HIVE Information Offices

Provide information on a range of topics for the military community and the wider military community; links overleaf

Key contacts

Police emergency: 999
Police non-emergency: 101
MoD Police: 01371 854 444

Employee Wellbeing Service: 08003 457 047
Charity for Civil Servants: 08000 562 424
Army Welfare Service: 01904 882 053
SSAFA: 08007 314 880
NS FPS: 02392 728 777

HIVES:

www.army.mod.uk/personnel-and-welfare/hives/

www.raf.mod.uk/serving-families/hive-finder/

www.royalnavy.mod.uk/community-and-support/advice-and-support/local-support

Additional Support Organisations

In addition to military based support, service personnel, civil servants and families can also access these support agencies:

Nepali speaking Domestic

Abuse support: 01252 333 618
Victim Support: 08081 781 641
Citizens Advice: 03444 111 444

National Helplines:

Women's Aid: 0808 200 0247
Mankind Initiative: 0182 333 4244
Male Advice line: 0808 801 0327
National LGBT DA Line: 0800 999 5428
Respect: 0808 802 4040

www.gov.uk/mod/armed-forces-domestic-abuse-support-and-guidance

Domestic Abuse Information Sheet

“There is no justification, no place amongst our community and no defence for abuse”

MOD Domestic Abuse Strategy

Main Building are committed to support all those affected by Domestic Abuse



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What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is the pre-meditated, systematic and sustained abuse of an individual within an intimate or family relationship.

This abuse can take many forms but can include physical, emotional, sexual, economic, psychological as well as controlling and coercive behaviour.

Who does it affect?

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone. It is indiscriminate of age, gender, race or social background and will affect one in four women and one in six men during their lifetime.

What is coercive control?

This is an act or pattern of acts, assaults, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten.

What is stalking or harassment?

This can include the following: sending unsolicited text messages or unwanted gifts; phone calls and/or turning up uninvited.

What is sexual abuse?

This includes any sexual behaviour or activity which you find unacceptable, and can include rape; enforced sex or prostitution; or sexting.

Armed Forces Commitment

Anyone disclosing domestic abuse as either a victim, perpetrator or concerned third party will be supported and provided with appropriate professional specialist interventions and advice.

Individuals will be treated in a professional and caring manner and domestic abuse is not tolerated in the armed forces.

What support is available?

Army Welfare Service (AWS) provide confidential support, independent of the chain of command. Support includes safety planning, advice and information. You can also access support through welfare, police and civilian support services.

SSAFA Social Care provide confidential support for serving RAF personnel and their families.

Information about different options can be found at: www.gov.uk/mod/domestic-abuse-support-and-guidance.

Additional support is available for Foreign & Commonwealth families who need information linked to immigration status:

www.aff.org.uk/advice/foreign-commonwealth/

Safety Plan

Arrange where you might go if you have to leave in an emergency.

Try to keep a phone with you so that you can call for help in an emergency. Get an extra set of keys for the house / car.

Keep the keys, money and anything else you may need in a safe place in case you need to leave quickly.

Try and seek professional advice or access information on a safe computer for more detailed safety planning information.

Foreign and Commonwealth

Try to ensure that your important documents, such as passport, visa and birth certificates are in a safe location and take these with you if you need to leave.

Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme ('Clare's Law')

Gives any member of the public the right to ask the police for information that could protect someone from being a victim of attack. See your local civilian police force website for details of how to apply.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999