

# DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE

PREVENTING DOMESTIC ABUSE



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## Do you want to be free from domestic abuse or violence?

Domestic abuse or violence can be experienced by anyone regardless of their race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, class, sexuality, disability or lifestyle.

Our tenancy agreement clearly states that domestic violence is unacceptable and is a clear breach of contract.

## We can help

Please contact us for advice and support. Full contact details can be found at the back of this leaflet.

We will:

- ➔ Take all allegations of domestic abuse seriously.
- ➔ Give priority to the safety of the family.
- ➔ Listen and respond sensitively.
- ➔ Give advice on all the options available.
- ➔ Maintain good working relationships with specialist support agencies.
- ➔ Ensure all communication is done in confidence and without prejudice.

## Other help/services available

### Police

In an emergency always call 999. During office hours you can speak to a domestic violence officer by contacting your local police station.

## Domestic violence services

Please find the list below useful for further advice and support.

<b>Birmingham Violence Against Women Board</b> <a href="http://www.bvawb.org">www.bvawb.org</a>	Online directory for domestic violence against men and women
<b>National Domestic Violence Helpline</b> <a href="http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk">www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk</a>	24-hour Freephone 0808 2000 247
<b>Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid</b> <a href="http://www.bswaid.org">www.bswaid.org</a>	0800 0732 606 / 0121 685 8550
<b>Breathe</b> (support for African Caribbean women)	0121 248 1068
<b>Broken Rainbow</b> (support for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender people) <a href="http://www.broken-rainbow.org.uk">www.broken-rainbow.org.uk</a>	0300 999 5428
<b>MALE</b> (support for men and legal advice) <a href="http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk">www.mensadviceline.org.uk</a>	0808 801 0327

## Legal Advice

Community Legal Advice <a href="http://www.legalservices.gov.uk">www.legalservices.gov.uk</a>	Freephone 0845 345 4345
Rights of Women Legal Advice Line <a href="http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk">www.rightsofwomen.org.uk</a>	0207 251 6577

