



Notification of Right to Claim Good Cause

We may be able to temporarily excuse you from looking for work or Helping us get child support for your children.

- Tell us if working, looking for a job, or going to school or job training may put you or your family in danger or physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. We may be able to delay you doing these activities so you can get help.
- Physical, emotional and sexual abuse means things like:
 - Constantly putting you down or telling you that you are worthless,
 - Threatening to hurt you, your children, your pets, or other family or friends,
 - Pushing, grabbing, shoving, slapping, hitting, choking or holding you down,
 - Any kind of unwanted sexual contact,

There are more examples of abusive behavior on the back of this form.

- Tell us if giving information about the absent parent(s) of your child(ren) may put you or your family in danger of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. We may be able to excuse you from giving us this information and helping us get child support for this child.
- Tell us if your child was conceived because of rape or incest. We may be able to excuse you from giving us information about the child's absent parent. We also may be able to excuse you from helping us get child support for this child.

We can tell you about help.

We can tell you where you can get help to stay safe. We can tell you about this even if you want to participate in work or child support requirements. Your safety is our main concern.

This information is confidential and voluntary.

- You do not have to tell us about problems with family violence if you don't want to. You should only tell as much as you feel comfortable sharing.
- If you decide not to tell us today, you can change your mind at any time.
- We will keep this information confidential. We will use this information only to help you develop a plan to help stop the problem and get you a job to help you support your family without Public Assistance.

If you tell us that any children are being abuse now, we must report that information to the Division of Family and Youth Services (DFYS) or a law enforcement agency to protect the children.

Types of Domestic Violence

Emotional or Verbal Abuse	Coercion, Isolation and Intimidation	Economic Abuse	Physical or Sexual Abuse
Putting you down	Controlling whom you talk to, what you do, where you go	Making you ask for money	Pushing, shoving or slapping you
Making you feel bad about yourself	Limiting your outside involvement	Giving you an allowance	Restraining you in any way
Calling you names	Using jealousy to justify isolating you	Not letting you know about or have access to family income	Biting or hitting you
Making you think you are crazy and playing mind games	Using looks, gestures, or actions to intimidate or scare you	Lying about or stealing money	Threatening you with a fist, knife, gun or any other weapon
Humiliating you in private or public	Threatening to leave you or commit suicide if you leave	Ruining your credit	Destroying things you love, including hurting your pets
Making you feel guilty	Threatening to take your children away	Taking your money and not giving you enough for the basics to run the house	Any unwanted sexual contact or threats of sexual abuse
Threatening to harm you or your family, friends, co-workers or pets	Making you do illegal things	Keeping you from getting a job or going to training	Rape
Accusing you of affairs	Making you drop charges	Doing things that make you lose a job	Mutilation
Depriving you of sleep, food, or medication			Murder

If you feel like you are experiencing domestic violence, please ask us about Resources in your community that can help you.