

Domestic Abuse policy

GRACE MINISTRY



1. Accepts that domestic abuse is a serious problem which occurs in all sections of society, including church families.
2. Recognises that domestic abuse is the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, emotional, social or financial abuse of a person within an intimate or family-type relationship which forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour.
3. Recognises that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and irreconcilable with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living.
4. Undertakes to listen, support and care for those affected by domestic abuse, especially those who are most vulnerable.
5. Will establish and maintain appropriate contact with domestic abuse support agencies and statutory bodies, pointing people in the right direction if a need for help and counsel arises.
6. Will teach, model and encourage what it means to be in good, respectful, safe and nurturing relationships.

[No Place for Abuse](#): Biblical & practical resources to counteract domestic violence by Catherine Clark Kroeger & Nancy Nason-Clark, IVP. 20

[Womens Aid](#) is the national support agency for women

[Mens Advice Line](#) and [Mankind](#) offer support for men

[Hidden Hurt](#). Articles on Christianity (and other religions) and DA plus personal stories from Christian survivors of DA.

Safe Families is a Christian organization that provides advice and practical help for families caught up in domestic abuse.

National DA helpline is 0808 2000 247

[Restored](#): Ending Violence Against Women:

[The RAVE Project](#) – Religion and Violence e-Learning