



## What is gender based violence?

Gender based violence is a term that covers discrimination or harmful behaviour towards someone because of their gender or sexuality. Gender based violence is used by some people to exert control over other people.

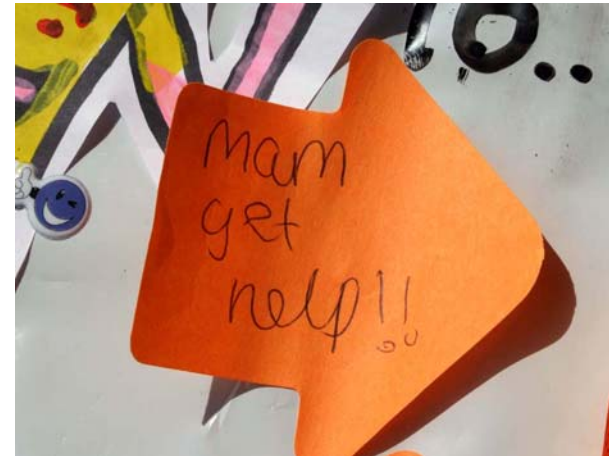
It can be:

Physical - for example, hitting, pushing, kicking

Emotional - sayings things to frighten the other person or make them feel bad

Sexual - making someone do sexual things that they don't want to

Financial - such as taking away the other person's money, or not letting them get a job



Often it's about the way girls and women are treated compared to boys and men. That doesn't mean that boys aren't affected too though.

Domestic abuse is a repeated pattern of such behaviour between two intimate partners.

Gender based violence can happen to people in their own family or home; the very people who should be caring for someone can be hurting them instead. When children or young people are experiencing this kind of hurt, either because someone in their home or family is hurting them or another family member then it is important that they can talk to someone about it and get the right kind of help.

**Everyone has the right to be and feel safe.**