

DATING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

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DATING VIOLENCE DEFINITION

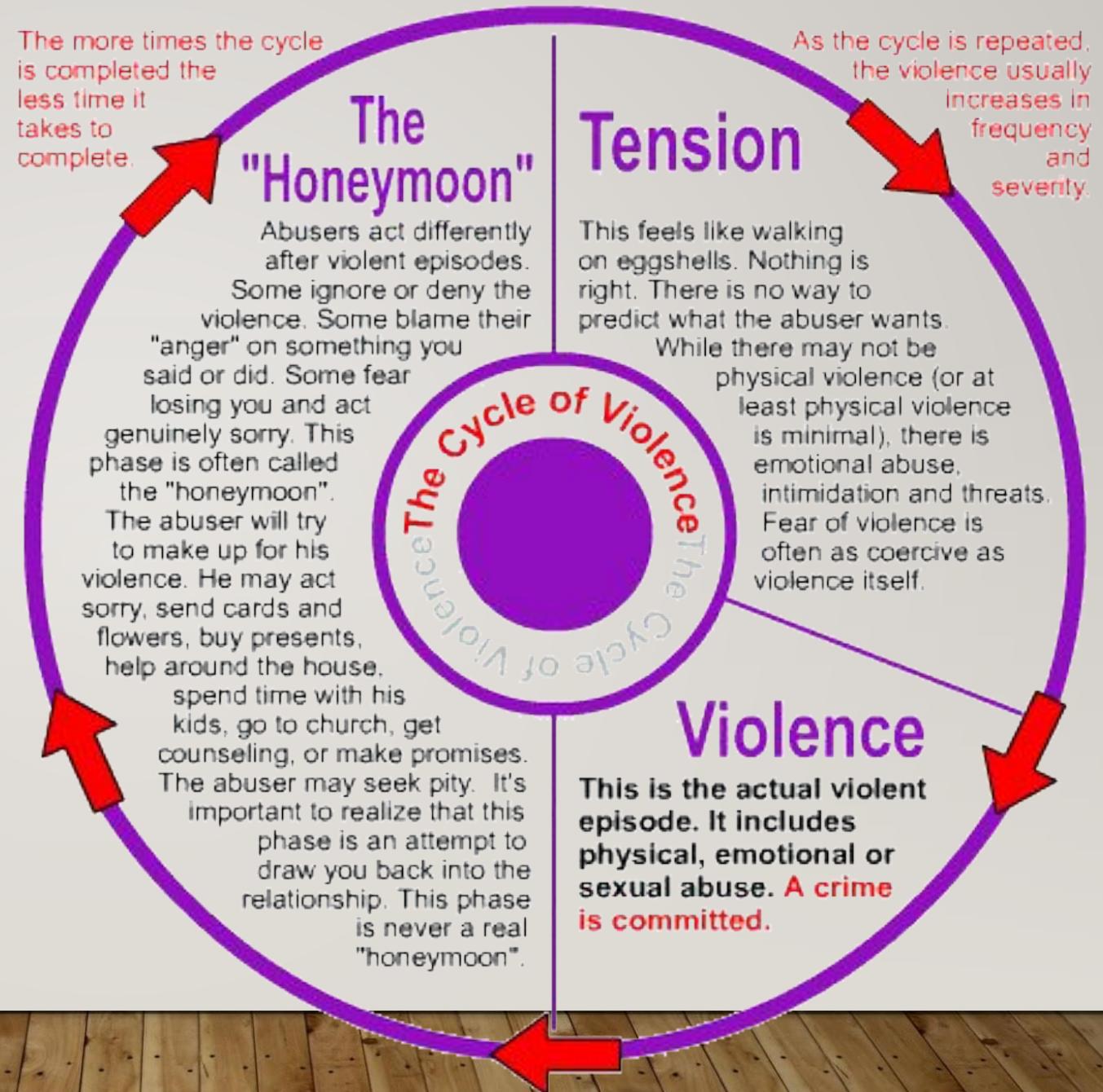
Dating Violence defined as violence on the basis of sex committed by a person who is in or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant.

- The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the Complainant's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition –
 - Dating violence includes but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
 - Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFINITION

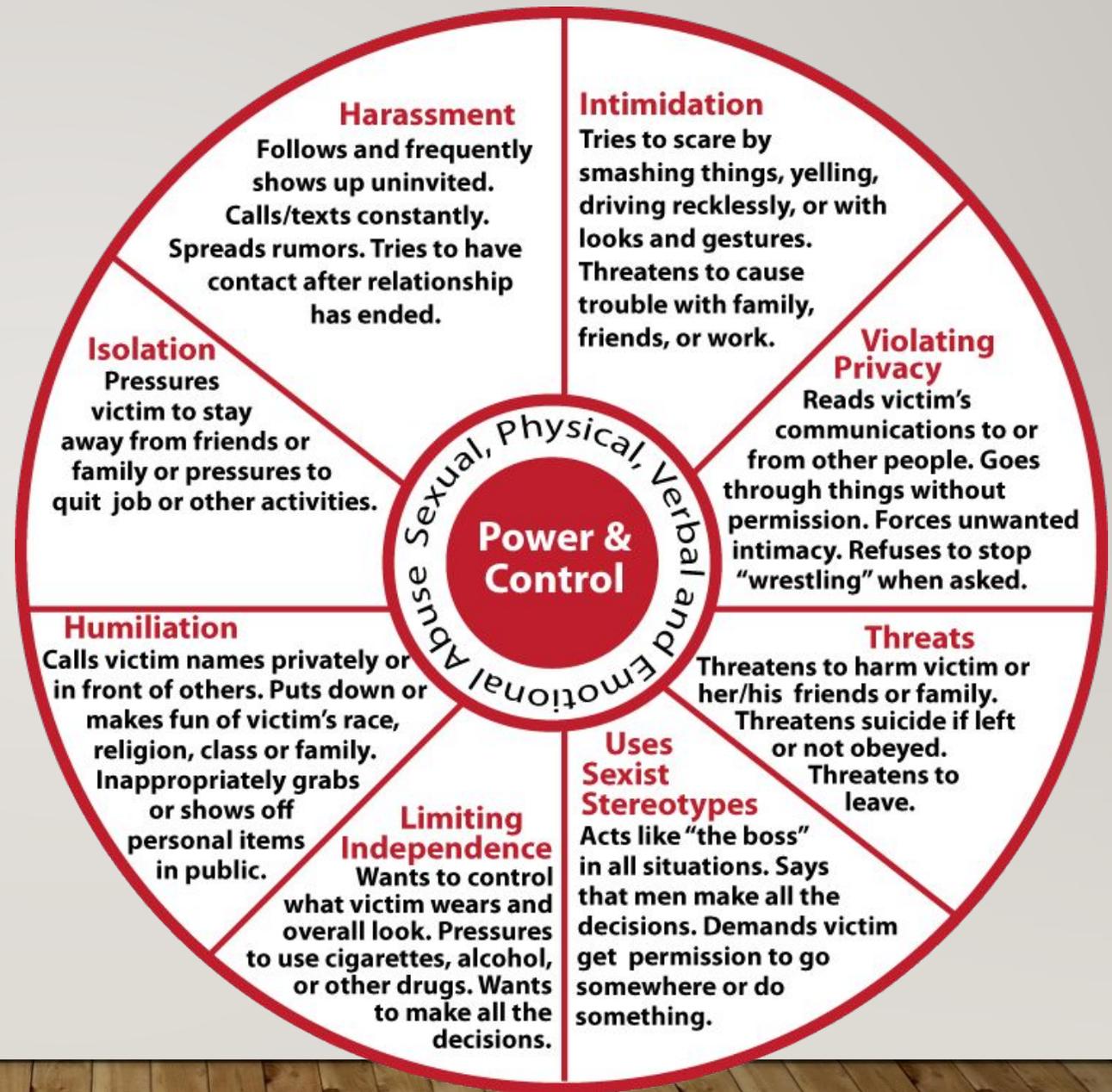
Domestic Violence defined as violence on the basis of sex committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Complainant, by a person with whom the Complainant shares a child in common, or by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of the state of Idaho or by any other person against an adult or youth Complainant who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the state of Idaho.

Cycle of Violence



Partner Violence

Connected to target or the person exhibiting the concerning behavior or both



Partner Violence

EXAMPLES OF PHYSICAL ABUSE

- Shoving
- Punching
- Slapping
- Pinching
- Hitting
- Kicking
- Hair pulling
- Strangling
- Restraining

EXAMPLES OF SEXUAL ABUSE

- Unwanted touching or kissing
- Forcing to have sex
- Not allowing birth control
- Forcing to do other sexual things



COMPARISON

- There are elements of dating/partner/domestic violence that at first glance appear indistinguishable from common behaviors within a relationship.

- What approach (questioning) is needed during the investigation to identify the difference?

Partner Violence Behaviors	Common Behaviors within a Relationship
Feeling jealous and possessive	Feeling jealous and possessive
Wanting to be with the person all the time	Wanting to be with the person all the time
Spending less time with friends and family	Spending less time with friends and family
Checking in frequently to see where partner is	Checking in frequently to see where partner is

EXAMPLE SIGNS OF ABUSE

- **Bullying, threatening, or controlling behavior:**

- Accuses you of having an affair
- Blames you for abuse
- Criticizes you
- Tells you what to wear and how you should look
- Threatens to kill you or someone close to you
- Throws things or punches walls when angry
- Yells at you makes you feel small

- **Controlling Money:**

- Keeps cash and credit cards from you
- Puts you on an allowance and makes you explain every dollar you spend
- Keeps you from working whatever job you want
- Steals money from you or your friends
- Won't let you have money for basic needs like food and clothes

EXAMPLE SIGNS OF ABUSE

- **Your partner cuts you off from family and friends:**

- Keeps close tabs on where you go and whom you go with
- Makes you ask for an OK to see friends and family
- Embarrasses you in front of others, and it makes you want to avoid people

- **Your partner physically abuses you:**

- Abandons you in a place you do not know
- Attacks you with weapons
- Keeps you from eating, sleeping, or getting medical care
- Locks you in or out of your house
- Punches, pushes, kicks, bites, pulls hair

EXAMPLE SIGNS OF ABUSE

- **Your partner sexually abuses you:**

- Forces you to have sex
- Makes you dress in a sexual way
- Makes you feel like you owe them sex
- Tries to give you an STD
- Won't use condoms or other birth control

- **Other general signs:**

- An air of silence when a particular person is present
- Withdrawal or a change in the psychological state of the person
- Insomnia
- Low self-esteem
- Uncooperative and aggressive behavior
- Change in appetite, weight, loss/gain
- Signs of distress, anger

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