

domestic abuse (də'mɛstɪk ə'bjuz). Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been intimate partners or family members; it can happen to anyone.

Confidential advice and support is available for **lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT)** people who experience domestic abuse.

For information on what support is available go to **www.richmond.gov.uk/domestic_abuse**

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Domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviour in a relationship, where one person seeks to gain power and control over another.

It can happen to anyone, including LGBT people, and an abuser can be a former or current partner or a family member. An abuser could also be from the wider community in the context of so-called honour-based violence.

Domestic abuse can include psychological, physical, emotional, sexual, financial or emotional abuse and may take the form of violence, harassment, threats or isolation.

It can include abuse related to someone's sexual orientation or gender identity, such as threatening to 'out' someone to their work or family.

For information on what support is available –

- **www.richmond.gov.uk/domestic_abuse**
- **Victim Support** on **020 8948 7010**
- **Police LGBT Liaison Officer** on **020 8247 5809**
- **Broken Rainbow** (www.broken-rainbow.org.uk) on **08452 60 44 60**

In an emergency, call the Police on 999