

DID YOU KNOW?

Medical professionals are in regular contact with victims of DV. The stressful daily work routine makes it difficult for them to recognize or address these cases. Yet, as frontline responders, they represent an important pillar in the help system to initiate change. We understand that approaching victims is associated with many uncertainties.

In the following, GESINE Intervention offers you practical examples that might facilitate the initial conversation



Conversation
techniques in case of
suspected violence



practical examples

"I have the impression that you do not feel comfortable in your partnership, that you feel threatened. Such experiences can trigger great discomfort, restlessness, nervousness... If you wish, you can also talk to me about this..."

"Problems in the partnership come in different shapes and can lead to violence. By this I mean not only beatings, but also humiliation or massive controlling behavior..."

"We have known each other for quite some time now, my impression is that you have changed in the last (...) months. You seem frightened. Are there any problems in your partnership?"

"I am familiar with experiences of violence in the domestic environment as a cause of health disorders."

practical examples

"You can talk to me in confidence about your experiences of violence - if you wish. I am familiar with problems caused by violence. I can advise you on this and tell you about other support centers that can help you. I can also refer you there."

"I could be wrong, of course, but your injury doesn't look like a fall..... Is it possible that you were beaten?"

"I don't want to offend you, but I've also seen injuries like this as a result of abuse...." or "...but this injury looks like a boot print."

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