

Intimate Partner Violence: MISCONCEPTIONS

Know your Rights and be Aware of the Misconception in Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Situations.



Fact:

No one has the right to hurt you. Intimate partner violence can be legally charged. **Remember**, physical and sexual abuse is against the law in Canada.



Fact:

Remember, You can add requirements that suit your background and culture during the intake process. The workers will be more than welcome to support your needs based on availability.



Fact:

Remember, in New Brunswick, Transition Houses, "Emergency Shelters," are available for women and their children who are impacted by abuse. You and your children can access the transition houses regardless of your status.



Fact:

Remember, Encouraging yourself to enhance your skills and experiences to feel more empowered and engaged is important in your immigration journey. Many immigrants with limited experience successfully get jobs after training and enhancement programs.



Fact:

Remember, Outreach programs* across NB are available for your questions. It is a program for supporting women who need help whether they decide to leave or stay in an abusive relationship. You do not need to be a shelter resident to consult an outreach worker; you are more than welcome to consult and leave.



Fact:

Remember, Your confidentiality is essential for all of us. You have the right to accept or refuse the interpretation service.

Trusting the person who interprets for you is crucial, and you need to inform the worker if you are uncomfortable before or during the interpretation service.



Fact:

Remember, You will not lose your residency because you decide to leave an abusive relationship or seek help. The threat of losing your status can be used to force you to stay in an abusive relationship. "However, if you are not yet a permanent resident and your sponsor decides to withdraw his sponsorship before your application is approved, there may be a risk. You should talk to a lawyer." (Pleis NB, Abuse and Violence, Immigrant Women Abuse)

(*) Kindly visit "Support Services for Victims of Abuse" (gnb.ca), to learn more about the Transition Houses and Outreach programs across the province.

Support services for victims of abuse (Available in other languages):



Definition of domestic and intimate partner violence:

