

## Domestic Abuse Disclosure

### Step 1. Disclosure

You are approached by someone experiencing domestic abuse – *Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional (more information on domestic abuse is available at [www.bedsdv.org.uk](http://www.bedsdv.org.uk))*

### Step 2. Immediate Action

Are you concerned that they are in danger?

No

Yes

Phone the police  
immediately on  
999

### Step 3. Children / Vulnerable Adults

Is the person a  
vulnerable adult?

Does the person  
have child/ren?

No

Yes, follow relevant  
Report a Concern about  
an adult via this [link](#)

Yes - Do you have concerns about child  
protection?  
[Bedford Borough Thresholds](#)  
[Central Bedfordshire Thresholds](#)  
[Luton Thresholds](#)

No

Yes, follow relevant Report a Concern about a  
child via this [link](#)

### Step 4. Assessment

[Bedfordshire - How to refer to MARAC -  
Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership  
\(bedsdv.org.uk\)](#)

Outcome is High Risk (14 or more ticks) then follow the  
relevant MARAC pathway at this [link](#)

Outcome is Standard / Medium Risk  
[Refer to Community IDVA](#)

### Step 5. Support

[Advice for Practitioners - Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership \(bedsdv.org.uk\)](#)  
[Support for young people](#)