



Heated arguments in the neighbors'
apartment. A friend with a black eye.
A child experiencing violence
at home.

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In many situations we are not sure how to react. It takes courage to get active as an outsider. It would be wrong to ignore your suspicions: Doing nothing protects the perpetrators.

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Small gestures can have big effects.
Keep the following advice in mind:



Get help – Tel. 117

- In an emergency, always call the police and keep your distance.
- Interrupt the situation, e.g. ring, call, knock. Do not enter the apartment.
- Contact a **counseling center** such as Opferhilfe (Tel. 061 205 09 10, Mon-Fri 8:30 am-12 pm, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm) or Die Dargebotene Hand (Tel. 143, 24h).
- Do you know a person who is affected? You can accompany them to counseling.



Break the silence

- Doing nothing protects the perpetrators.
- Talk to the person when she/he is alone, at best shortly after a fight.
- Trust is important – who knows the person well? You or a neighbor?
- Do not mediate between the involved parties!



Listen

- Simple gestures are helpful, e.g. empathic listening.
- Be kind if the person does not immediately break everything off. Separations are difficult.
- Do not give unsolicited advice to the person.
- Let the person decide for themselves what they want to do – except in emergencies.



Information

- Want to know more about domestic violence? www.halt-gewalt.bs.ch provides information.
- Share your knowledge by handing out flyers – if possible in person.



Protect yourself

- Be careful not to put yourself and others in danger.
- Don't carry the burden alone – you can network (e.g. on 'Halt Gewalt') or get neighbors involved.
- Counseling services are also open to witnesses.



Support

- Please consult www.halt-gewalt.bs.ch for information on who's involved in the project in your neighborhood or on possible practical help for people concerned.
- Visibility is important: Help us bring domestic violence into the public!

Domestic violence in my neighborhood – What can I do?

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