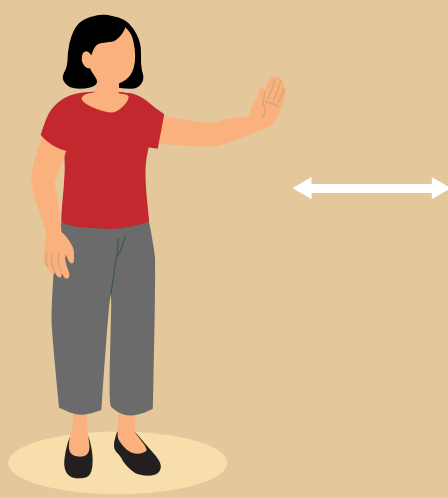


What Should You Do if You Are a Bystander Who Happens to Witness Domestic Violence?



STOP THE ACT OF VIOLENCE

Attract the attention of other bystanders, ask them to come together, and demand the person causing hurt to “STOP” the act of violence. Intervening in a hostile situation as a group might deter the person causing hurt.



SAFE DISTANCE

Maintain safe distancing.



CALL THE POLICE

Call the police and inform them of the victim’s condition so that the police can activate the ambulance, if necessary.



SHOW SUPPORT

Continue to show your support by staying with the victim. Your presence will reassure the victim that she/he is not alone.



OFFER HELP

If the person who caused hurt has left the scene, offer help to the victim by asking if she/he is hurt. Provide water and tissue if necessary, or simply be present next to the victim.



BE VIGILANT

Be vigilant in case the person who caused hurt re-appears at the scene. Having other bystanders with you will deter the person from causing further harm.



RESPECT THE VICTIM

If the victim does not wish to wait for the police to arrive, do not feel disappointed, respect the victim’s wish and advise the victim to take a stand and protect herself/himself. Tell the victim that that she/he does not deserve the abuse.