

SAFETY IS YOUR CONCERN!

If an argument seems unavoidable, move to a room or an area with easy access to an exit — NOT a bathroom, kitchen or anywhere near weapons.

- 1) Identify the quickest exit from each room and practice your exit route.
- 2) Have a bag packed and ready for a quick escape if necessary. Keep the bag in an undisclosed but accessible place.
- 3) Tell friends and neighbors about the violence and ask that they call Police if they see or hear a disturbance.
- 4) Devise a code word to use with your children, family and friends when you need them to contact police for you.
- 5) Decide where you will go if you have to leave your house. Keep the Women's Shelter in mind, there number is 294-1811.
- 6) Use your instincts and trust your judgment. Consider giving the abuser what they want to diffuse a dangerous situation, until you can get away safely.
- 7) You have a right to protect yourself when you are in danger.

REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO BE BATTERED OR THREATENED.

CHECKLIST

You may want to take these items with you if you have to leave.

- * Money, checkbook, savings passbook, ATM card, credit cards
- * Identification - driver's license, social security card, green card, public assistance card
- * Protective Order
- * Birth certificates for yourself and any children
- * Clothing
- * Lease, rental agreement, or mortgage papers
- * Insurance information
- * House and car keys
- * Medications
- * Jewelry
- * Divorce and/or child custody papers
- * School records
- * Special toys or blankets for children
- * Address book or important phone numbers

VICTIM RIGHTS IN INDIANA

- * As a crime victim you are entitled to certain rights under IC-35-40. If you have questions about these rights please contact Victim Assistance.