

Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse includes unwanted or forcible sexual touching or activity, having pain or injury inflicted during sexual acts, malicious withholding of sex, demeaning sexually through jokes, name calling, excessive jealousy, sexual accusations and denied ability to protect herself from STD's, including HIV. ¹.

"... I'd give in to him in bed and then he'd beat me up and call [me] down and wouldn't sleep with me, he was using me like a hooker. Coming to bed when he wanted it and leaving again."

"... I felt I must be a poor wife because my husband didn't want me sexually."

"[I] was waking up constantly finding him touching me, you know, two, three o'clock in the morning. I'm tired, I'm sleeping, trying to sleep to be awakened while he is masturbating in the bed and his hands are trying to sexually arouse me and stimulate me. And it would continue the next day with him saying 'oh well, I don't remember that happening, you must have been dreaming'."

"...he'd talk about sex all the time and then treat me as if I smelled bad and so I still have issues dealing around that. I still feel like I have an unpleasant odour."

"...he had a sex book, he'd pick what he wanted out of it and torture me in every way until he got it. He just forced me, he'd rip my clothes off."

"My first taste of abuse was where my husband hit me because I wouldn't have sexual relations because it was just too painful."

1. □ Prince Edward Island Woman Abuse Protocols, 2000

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