

Physical Abuse

"...on Mother's Day of that year he broke my back, showing my son how it was done..."

Physical abuse is slapping, hitting, punching, kicking, burning, choking, stabbing, shooting, pushing or biting. It is being slammed against a wall or being injured with a weapon or object. It can include restraining or withholding food or medical attention. Brutal beatings can result in bruising, lacerations, broken bones or death.¹

"I had to go into the hospital because I was haemorrhaging and he broke my nose..."

"...he broke into my house. He was breaking my fingers, to take my daughter out of my arms, because that was his way to control me and my other daughter was upstairs, that was late at night and he was going to take her from me because I had taken the children out for dinner, and he didn't know where I was..."

"...[service providers] don't [understand] ... what it's like to be tied to a chair in your own house being burnt and cut with glass..."

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1. □ Prince Edward Island Woman Abuse Protocols, 2000