

Examples of Actions Batterers Take to Harm Children

Exposure to the abuse:
Seeing, hearing, knowing

Accidentally causing physical harm to children as a result of the violence towards non-offending parent: children may get hurt if they are: dropped, hit while being held by either adult, intervene with the assault, and/or pushed aside during the assault of the adult victim

Physical/sexual/emotional abuse or neglect perpetrated directly against the children.



Secondary effects of battering on family: disruption in routine, sleep, education, meal times, basic needs for kids; family loses support systems housing, money, or medical needs; disruption of survivor's employment, parenting or resources

Using children as a weapon against the children's other parent: threatening to take the children away; telling the children to act abusively towards the survivor; using the children to monitor or question the survivor

Undermining the other person's parenting efforts: telling the children not to listen to the survivor; disrupting the survivor's rules, discipline or routine; telling the children the survivor is stupid or a bad mother; not paying child support or maintaining consistent visitation schedules

