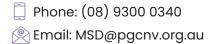
## SIGNS OF VIOLENCE

For many women, including women with disability, recognising that they are experiencing family and domestic violence can be difficult and made worse by limited support or access to information. Below are some signs that someone may need support.

Some common signs experience by the person with disability:	
	Fearful of making decisions or having to check for approval
	Being withdrawn and reluctant to speak
	Repeatedly having bruises, broken bones or other injuries
	Visible signs such as bruises or handprints on their body
	Unexplained broken bones or other injuries
	Signs of internal injuries to organs such as vomiting
	Unexplained damage to disability equipment and aids
	Unexplained injuries to children, pets and service animals
	Denied access to parts of the house
	Lack of contact with family members, friends, previous social groups and employment
	Constant apologising and loss of confidence
	Suddenly unable to have daily support needs met
	Frequently hungry or visible signs of malnutrition
	Unwashed, or torn and stained clothes
	Unexplained pregnancy
	Being overly anxious around their partner or caregiver
	Being intimidated or frightened by their partner or caregiver









## The victim may speak about the perpetrator:

Needing to know where they are, what they are doing and who they are with at all times

Being jealous or possessive

Getting angry very easy

Having a bad temper or moody

Controlling the money and all financial decisions

Constantly calls, texts or follows them

Dictating what they can and cannot do Putting them down and using unkind language when speaking to or about them

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