

Safe, Smart and Healthy – Keys to Success in Your New Home
Family Issues and Domestic Violence - 1

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Some of the laws in America may be different than the country you lived in before. Women and men are legally equal in America. Domestic violence is illegal in America.

Domestic Violence is when one person tries to hurt, abuse or gain power and control over another person, through physical, sexual, emotional, verbal or financial abuse.

Domestic violence can occur within families or other intimate relationships, regardless of age, and whether people live separately or in the same household. It can even occur in former relationships. Ninety-five percent of the victims of domestic violence are women.

“It is illegal for men to abuse their wives, sisters, daughters or mothers in America.

Men are not allowed to hit women in America. Men cannot force their wives to have sexual intercourse in America. If a man forces his wife to have sexual intercourse, it is rape and is illegal.

Men are not allowed to have more than one wife in America. If a man has more than one wife, he is breaking the law.”

If you violate any of these laws, you jeopardize your immigration status and could be deported.