
Background of domestic violence

In this era of globalization and modernisation, there are many common issues happening among the teenagers in Malaysia. These issues could bring many negative effects to the teenagers as they can be affected easily. Today, we are going to talk about one of the common issues among the teens which is domestic violence. As the time flow, the rate of domestic violence is increasing and getting more concern in our country. There are many questions all around about this issue and one of the questions would be “what is domestic violence?”

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviour used to establish power and control over another through emotional attack, fear, and intimidation. This issue can be known as a crime as it includes the threat or use of violence. To further the information, this issue not only happens among the teenagers, but also every single human being in the world. Some people said that domestic violence was actually a form of “power assertion” by men to women and teens. This is due to the reason that the men believe that they have the rights to hurt their wives and child, and it shows that they have no respects to their wives and child.

In addition, there are few types of domestic violence such as physical abuse, emotional abuse, and sexual abuse. Physical abuse is the most recognizable form of domestic violence as it involves the use of force against the victim and cause injury. For example, the parents hurt their child by punching or kicking them and cause injuries. Emotional abuse involves the destruction of the victim's self-worth by appearing in unhealthy relationships between parents and children. This type of abuse is usually combined with other abuse to bring a domestic violence action. Sexual abuse is also a common form of domestic violence as it includes not only sexual assault and rape, but also harassment, such as unwelcome touching and other demeaning behaviours.

This issue can be really serious in every family as when children are exposed to domestic abuse from a young age, they tend to emulate the violent behaviour when they are grown up. This will cause the issue of domestic violence continuously passing down to the coming generation in every family and also cause the rate of this issue increasing non-stop. The importance of highlighting the issue of domestic violence is because what we see now is just the tip of the iceberg, as there are numerous cases which go unreported. The victims should step out and voice out for their own rights in order to solve this issue.