

## 2017 Kansas Statutes

**44-761. Same; definitions.** As used in this act, unless the context clearly shows otherwise:

(a) "Abuse" means:

(1) Causing or attempting to cause physical harm;

(2) placing another person in fear of imminent physical harm;

(3) causing another person to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threats or duress, or threatening to do so;

(4) engaging in mental abuse, which includes threats, intimidation and acts designed to induce terror;

(5) depriving another person of health care, housing, food or other necessities of life; or

(6) restraining the liberty of another.

(b) "Domestic violence" means abuse committed against an employee or an employee's spouse or dependent child by:

(1) A current or former spouse of the employee;

(2) a person with whom the employee shares parentage of a child in common;

(3) a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the employee;

(4) a person who is related by blood or marriage; or

(5) a person with whom the employee has or had a dating or engagement relationship.

**History:** L. 2003, ch. 75, § 2; July 1.