



Portrait of the Female Victim

1. Fears for her life
2. May not be emotional
3. Feels degraded, worthless
4. May suffer physical & / or psychological injuries
5. May have impaired sexual functioning
6. Feels both self-blame and guilt
7. Great distrust of men
8. Experiences nightmares
9. May have intense anger / hatred
10. She will never be the same
11. She may fear the police
12. She may not want to talk

Portrait of Women in a Battering Relationship

1. Low self-esteem
2. Lack of control & confidence
3. History of abuse
4. Feel ashamed
5. Lack of resources / support
6. May be extremely dependent
7. Think they can fix or change a man
8. No communication
9. Believes in stereotyped sex roles
10. Believes that sex means love