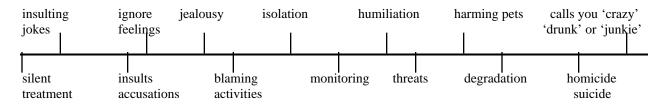
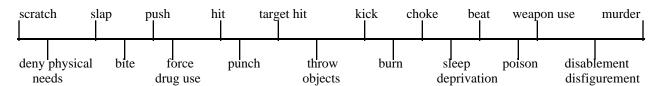
## **Manifestations of Violence**

Abuse can occur in different forms. It can be physical, emotional, sexual, spiritual, social and/or economic. The lists below describe some of the tactics of abuse batterers use as they attempt to gain or maintain power and control over their intimate partners. Abuse does not always progress in regular steps as shown here. Sometimes the abuse may advance from pushing or hitting directly to more severe physical violence such as use of weapons. Although each relationship is unique, any type of abuse must be considered a serious cause for concern. Despite different circumstances, it is important to remember abuse can escalate (especially if intervention fails to occur.) Circle the type(s) of abuse you are now experiencing, (or have experienced in the past.) Notice if the violence is increasing in intensity, severity or frequency. Talk to a domestic violence advocate to develop or review your current safety plan or explore your options. Remember that domestic violence directed at you is never your fault (even if you were drinking or using drugs.)

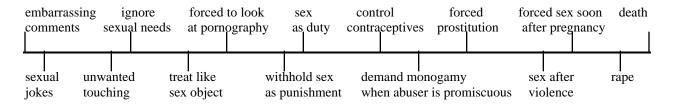
## **Emotional Abuse**



# **Physical Abuse**



#### **Sexual Abuse**



## Social / Environmental Abuse

