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10 Things you can do to prevent and respond to domestic violence

1. **Include domestic violence** when designing, implementing and monitoring health emergency preparedness and response plans.

2. **Deliver and resource** the prevention of and response to violence as essential services in the context of COVID-19.

3. **Strengthen access** to online services such as hotlines, mHealth and telehealth.

4. **Innovate** ways to provide information and support, e.g., through pharmacies, supermarkets, etc.

5. **Train health sector staff** on how to identify survivors and how to provide first-line support.

6. **Provide guidance** to shelters, care homes and other institutions to facilitate ongoing support to survivors.

7. **Prevent harm to children** – e.g., by supporting parents, preventing long-term child-family separation, and establishing safe and acceptable alternative care arrangements in case of illness or death of a caregiver.

8. **Share information** on available support with survivors and communities and engage them in developing responses.

9. **Mobilize communities** to promote gender equality and zero tolerance for violence.

10. **Coordinate with other sectors** to address the risk factors of violence (e.g., harmful use of alcohol) and to protect women and children in the context of COVID-19.

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