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# **Video Resource List: Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence**

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## Video Resource List

**ABA Publications** American Bar Association - Commission on Domestic Violence Washington, DC 20005 (312) 988-5522 [www.abanet.org/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/home.html) [<http://www.abanet.org/home.html>]

**It's NOT Okay: Let's Talk about Domestic Violence** A young man discusses domestic violence and emphasizes the effects on children and what to do to stay safe if a child lives in a violence home. Safety planning addressed. (Ages 7-12, 10 min.)

**BBC Videos for Education and Training** BBC Shop [www.bbcshop.com](http://www.bbcshop.com) [<http://www.bbcshop.com>]

**Cambridge Documentary Films** P.O. Box 390385 Cambridge, MA 02139-0004 617-484-3993 <http://www.cambridgedocumentaryfilms.org/www.cambridgedocumentaryfilms.org> [<http://www.cambridgedocumentaryfilms.org>]

**Strong at the Broken Places** Award-winning film about people whose lives have been "devastated by trauma and loss, and who find common ground for their journey's to recovery." Addresses personal strength, hope, and resilience despite the odds. (Adult audiences, 38 min, with study guide.)

**Defending Our Lives** Winner of the 1994 Academy Award for short documentary, this incredible film documents the lives of four women all incarcerated for killing their batterers. The women interviewed are members of a grass-roots organization called 'Battered Women Fighting Back.' (Adult audiences, 30 and 42 minute versions, also available in Spanish, with resource study/guide.)

**Cinema Guild** Video and Film Catalog [www.cinemaguild.com](http://www.cinemaguild.com) [<http://www.cinemaguild.com>]

**Committee for Children** [www.cfchildren.org](http://www.cfchildren.org) [<http://www.cfchildren.org>]

**Consortium of College and University Media Centers (CCUMS)** [www.indiana.edu/~ccumc/rentaldirectory.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~ccumc/rentaldirectory.html) [<http://www.indiana.edu/~ccumc/rentaldirectory.html>]

**Discover Films, Inc.** [www.discover-films.com](http://www.discover-films.com) [<http://www.discover-films.com>]

Violence Begins at Home

**Films for the Humanities & Sciences** Princeton, NY 1-800-257-5126/609-275-1400

Bill Moyer's Special Series (PBS) What Can We Do About Violence? Solutions for Children (Part 4) (1998, 56 min.)

**Film Ideas, Inc.** Collection on Violence Prevention and Conflict Resolution [www.filmideas.com](http://www.filmideas.com)  
[<http://www.filmideas.com>]

The Last HIT: Child & Violence

**Insight Media** 1-800-233-9910 [www.insight-media.com](http://www.insight-media.com) [<http://www.insight-media.com>]

**Intermedia Films** [www.intermedia-inc.com](http://www.intermedia-inc.com) [<http://www.intermedia-inc.com>]

You're Hurting Me, Too Film on the effects of domestic violence on children. (1996, 24 minutes, comes with guide). (30-day preview is free, purchase price is \$189.00)

**Kidsrights** 8902 Otis Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46216 1-800-970-KIDS 1-800-892-KIDS This organization publishes and distributes materials on child abuse and neglect, and related child welfare issues. This includes training materials and videos for children.

Secret Wounds Seven vignettes, and drawings by children. (33min)

**Kinetic Video, Inc.** 255 Delaware Ave., Suite 340 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-856-7631 [www.kineticvideo.com](http://www.kineticvideo.com) [<http://www.kineticvideo.com>]

Tulip Doesn't Feel Safe Animated film validates children's feelings and experiences when their parents or other significant adults fight. Gives strategies for children's safety planning. A workbook is also available. (For children K-3, 13 min) Also distributed by Johnson Institute Minneapolis, MN 55439-2159 1-800-231-5165

**Learning Publications, Inc.** [www.learningpublications.com](http://www.learningpublications.com) [<http://www.learningpublications.com>]

**London Family Court Clinic** 254 Pall Mall Street, #2000 London, Ontario CANADA N6A 5P6 519-679-7250

A School-based Anti-violence Program (ASAP) A school-based prevention/early-intervention program. Addresses the roles of everyone from the board to the classroom. Includes curriculum and video.

**Media Education Foundation** 26 Center Street Northampton, MA 01060 1-800-897-0089 [www.mediaed.org](http://www.mediaed.org) [<http://www.mediaed.org>] Provide many films related to media, gender issues, and culture, as well as many other social issues.

Tough Guise: Violence, Media & the Crisis of Masculinity

**Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW)** Griggs-Midway Building, #S-112 1821 University Avenue W. St. Paul, MN 55104 651-646-6177 Will loan films from their resource library to local agencies and coalition member organizations.

**National Film Board of Canada** 212-586-5131 [www.nfb.ca/E/index.html](http://www.nfb.ca/E/index.html) [<http://www.nfb.ca/E/index.html>] Has series of films related to preventing family violence. -Also available from - Benerjee Associates Skillman, NJ 08558 (609) 683-1261

Behind Closed Doors: Multicultural Documentary on Family Violence (1998)

How Then Shall We Live Survivors of violence talk about how they left abusive relationships and about their road to recovery. (1999)

Kids' Stuff Combines drawings and puppet animation to convey how domestic violence can tear at the equilibrium and sensitivity of a child who hears his mother being beaten. "Intense and powerful." (6 min.)

Violence Against Women: Breaking the Silence (1995)

**National Training Project** Domestic Abuse Intervention Project 202 East Superior St. Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-2781

**New Day Films** Franklin Lakes, NJ [www.newday.com](http://www.newday.com) [<http://www.newday.com>]

To Have and To Hold Film tells the story of wife abuse from the man's experience of it. Several former clients of Boston General Hospital's EMERGE program and their partners discuss the abuse and violence in their relationships and the steps they took to change it.

**PBS On-line** Public Television Film & Video Catalog 1-877-PBS-SHOP (Toll free) [www.shop.pbs.org](http://www.shop.pbs.org) [<http://www.shop.pbs.org>]

Frontline with Bill Moyers, The Children are Watching 60 minutes, \$19.98

**Pearson Learning/MTI/Film & Video** Illinois 1-800-621-2131

Tell 'Em How You Feel Story of a child who feels all alone and is angry at his parents and best friend. A friendly troll from the woods teaches him how to handle anger and conflicts without holding in feelings or resorting to violence and fighting. (Grades K-4/6, 18 min.)

It's Not Always Happy at My House Dramatization of family violence, mother and three children end up leaving to go to a shelter. Shows how the violence may affect siblings differently due to age, gender, and sibling order. (9-12/College/Adult, 34 min.)

What Ta-Doo with Fear? and What Ta-Doo with Secrets? With the help of puppets these films explore both the positive and negative elements of fear and secrets. Use realistic examples of situations to show children how they can deal with their fears and open up to adults they trust. (K-4th Grade, 20 min)

**SAFE Place** P.O. Box 199 Battle Creek, Michigan 49016 (616) 965-6093

Battered Hearts: A Story of Family Violence (1996, 12 min)

**West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence** West Virginia 304-956-3552

Safe at Home?