DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & DISASTER: POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

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Physical VIOLENCE

Using the children: Telling the children that the victim abandoned them during the evacuation and will not be coming back when in reality, they fled to a domestic violence shelter for safety.

Using isolation/exclusion: Leaving victims without a car during times of disaster when the need to evacuate is imminent.

Using companion animals: Leaving the family dog in the living room while locking the victim in the bathroom with no way to escape. Then taking off, leaving them trapped separately in the house, unsafe and vulnerable during the storm’s wrath.

Using coercion and threats: Threatening to leave victims and children in the house when evacuation orders are in place.

Using economic abuse: Taking FEMA money and using it improperly or not giving the victim access to it.

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Emotional VIOLENCE

Anger/emotional abuse: Yelling at and telling victims they are weak or stupid for not picking up enough sand bags or supplies for storm preparations.

Intimidation: Giving victims a “knowing” look to keep them from telling the Red Cross volunteers how injuries really occurred.

Minimize/deny/blame: Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior to victims, saying they caused it. Telling victims the stress of the disaster was too much to handle and that’s why they “snapped”.

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