

Friend domestic abuse intervention 2 – scripted role play

Two people – Melissa and Sophie - each to read a part. First, read the description of the situation.

Sophie and Melissa bump into each other outside the library. Sophie saw Melissa's boyfriend grab her after an argument and has been worried about her.

Sophie: Oh, hi hun, how are you?

Melissa: Oh hi, I'm okay thanks. How about you?

Sophie: I'm good. I was just thinking that I haven't seen you around lately. I was wondering if you'd like to get together at some point just to catch up?

Melissa: Oh, no that's fine, thanks. I don't really have much time at the moment.

Sophie: Oh, okay. No problem. I just thought it might be nice to come over and watch a dvd and have a few drinks – a girlie night in like we used to – nothing major.

Melissa: Well, I'm sharing a flat with Matt now, and he's a bit shy and doesn't really like people he doesn't know coming over.

Sophie: Oh, well that's a shame. Well, I'd really like to get to know him, especially if you guys are that serious. I miss not seeing you. I can come over and I'll bring the wine!

Melissa: No, honestly, I can't, he's really shy, but maybe some other time...

Sophie: Okay sure, no pressure. Hun, I was just wondering: is everything okay? I mean, when I saw you guys out the other week, you seemed a bit upset.

Melissa: Everything's fine.

Sophie: Are you sure? I was a bit worried about you when I saw him grab you the way he did. I didn't like to interfere but you know you can always speak to me if you need someone to listen.

Melissa: Yes, I know. Thanks. But everything is fine, honestly.

Sophie: Okay then. But don't forget what I said – okay? If you need to talk, you have my number. Call me anytime.

Melissa: Yes, thanks. I will. Bye.

Sophie: Bye. See you soon I hope.