Penal Code 13700: Definition of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is abuse committed against an adult or minor who is:

- A current dating partner
- A former dating partner
- A current engagement partner
- A former engagement partner
- A spouse
- A former spouse
- A cohabitant
- A former cohabitant
- A person with whom the suspect has had a child

Penal Code 13700A: Definition of ABUSE

Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause bodily injury or placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to himself, herself, or another.

Definition of BULLYING

Bullying has two components: repeated harmful acts and an imbalance of power and strength. It is aggressive behavior that is intentional among those involved. This behavior is typically repeated over time, takes many forms (psychological, emotional, economical, verbal, sexual, spiritual and cyber).

Although no federal law directly addresses bullying, in some cases, bullying overlaps with discriminatory harassment when it is based on race, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, or religion. When bullying and harassment overlap, federally-funded schools (including colleges and universities) have an obligation to resolve the harassment.