

4.33 **Physical violence.** Defence acknowledges that domestic violence encompasses a broad spectrum of behaviour, including psychological, emotional and economic abuse. While the next paragraph provides guidance to commanders on appropriate action to take where there is physical violence, that is not to indicate that other forms of domestic violence are any less serious or worthy of action.

4.34 Commanders may issue a notice for termination when there are allegations of physical violence (including property damage), or threats of physical violence and:

- a. the member has been found to have committed acts of physical violence by a civil court; or
- b. the member has admitted to the chain of command that they have committed acts of physical violence that were not lawfully justified (eg self-defence); or
- c. there is evidence that a member has committed acts of physical violence or property damage that were not lawfully justified.