

*These notes refer to the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (c.7)  
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# **HOUSING (WALES) ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2 Homelessness**

##### ***Section 58 – Meaning of abuse and domestic abuse***

122. By “abuse” is meant physical violence, threatening or intimidating behaviour and any other form of abuse which may give rise, directly or indirectly, to the risk of harm. “Abuse” is “domestic abuse” if the victim is associated with the abuser. The meaning of “associated with” is defined in subsection (2). The application of the term in cases where there is an adopted child or adopted children is covered in subsections (3) to (4).