

Is Someone Hurting You?

Local 24 Hour Helpline

(352) 686-8430

Statewide Hotline

1-800-500-1119

National Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE



"We are an equal opportunity services provider and we do not discriminate. All victim services are free of charge."



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STEP 1- Know the signs!

- Jealousy and possessiveness
- Sexual violence
- Verbal abuse and disrespectful behavior in front of others
- Not listening or responding when you talk
- Unpredictable temper
- Damaging or destroying your possessions
- Controlling where you go and who you see
- You are in fear of your partner

STEP 2- Know you're not alone!

EVERY MINUTE
20 PEOPLE ARE
VICTIMS OF
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.



WILL EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME.

Abuse happens to people of all ages, genders, sexual orientation, nationalities, religions, groups, and economic status.

WORLDWIDE, MEN WHO WERE EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS CHILDREN ARE THREE TO FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO PERPETRATE INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AS ADULTS THAN MEN WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC ABUSE AS CHILDREN.

A WOMAN IS BEATEN EVERY NINE SECONDS IN THE U.S.

STEP 3- Know the danger!

Risk Factors for Intimate Partner Homicide:

- Jealousy
- Substance abuse (drugs and/or alcohol)
- Possession of a firearm
- Abuser suffers from depression or is suicidal
- Materially motivated (wealth/ lifestyle retention – fear of loss of image/assets/status due to divorce)
- Prior history or family history of violence
- Less fear of legal consequences
- Desperation—loss of control of victim
- Strangulation
- Separation (most dangerous time is when control is lost)

STEP 4-Know there is HELP!

Dawn Center provides the following services at no cost!

- 24 Hour local crisis hotline **(352) 686-8430**
- Emergency shelter program
- Outreach services for survivors and families
- Emotional support and community resources for survivors and families
- Group and individual counseling
- Legal advocacy and court accompaniment
- Prevention education for youth and community awareness and education

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