How to help someone

- Reach out to your friends or family to let them know that you care.
- Don't judge or criticize.
- Believe them and take time to listen.
- Don't pressure your friend to leave.
- Respect your friend's decisions.
- Ask how you can help/support them.
- Help your friend make a safety plan.
- Agree on a secret code word that can be used in case of emergency.

Mission and Services

The mission of STOPDV is to improve safety for domestic violence victims and increase access to resources for survivors.

We provide court advocacy, safety planning and support to domestic violence survivors, along with legal services while their cases are active.

Your financial support provides:

- Government required matching funds
- Program sustainability
- Victim costs for divorce filing fees, funds to change locks, subpoena/witness fees, private process server fees

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SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence...

IS NOT THE VICTIM'S FAULT

The perpetrator is responsible for their behavior and is the only one who can stop the abuse.

IS ABOUT POWER AND CONTROL

Perpetrators use intimidation, isolation, as well as control resources, and/or manipulate the legal system to maintain dominance in the relationship.

IS NOT JUST PHYSICAL ABUSE.

There are many forms including, but not limited to, emotional, verbal, spiritual, and/or financial abuse.

IS A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR.

It is not an isolated incident, but a series of events. The relationship may not be bad all the time, but it usually gets worse

IS NOT CAUSED BY ANGER, ALCOHOL USE, OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

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Safety Planning

Leaving an abuser is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence. Here are a few items to consider when creating a safety plan.

- Tell someone you trust what is happening.
- Open a checking or savings account and/or credit card in your own name to establish or increase your independency.
- Leave money, an extra set of keys, copies of important documents, extra medicines and clothes with someone you trust, so you can leave quickly.
- Determine who would let you stay with
 them or lend you money,
- Keep hotline and shelter numbers
 available.
- If you have a protection order, carry it with you at all times.

The leading cause of injuries for women is abuse at home. Domestic violence injuries happen more often than car accidents, mugging and rape combined.



Important Numbers

The Rise House: (866) 358-2265 National DV Hotline: (800) 799-7233 Women & Children First: (800) 332-4443



Ways to Give

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