

National Domestic Violence Hotline

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides a free and confidential resource to those who are abused or to friends and family who are concerned that a loved one is being abused. Hotline services include:

- Crisis intervention
- Safety planning
- Information about domestic violence and referrals to local service providers
- Direct connection to domestic violence resources available in the caller's area provided by a Hotline advocate
- Assistance in more than 140 different languages

Where Can I Report on Campus?

- Police
- Public Safety Department
- Human Resources
- Crime Victim Advocate*
Morris Thompson
- Title IX Coordinator
Ralph Johnson
- Vice President of Student Life
Amy Ortiz-Moretta
- Dean of Students
Dean Nelson
- Dean of Women/Dean of Men
Dean Etienne/Dean Innocent
- Office of Ministry*
- Counseling Center*

*Confidential resources on campus

On Campus Resources

Crime Victim Advocate
Wilkinson Hall Room 336A
Dr. Morris Thompson
Phone: 301-891-4052
E-mail: mjthomps@wau.edu

Title IX Coordinator
Betty Howard Center
Dr. Ralph Johnson
Phone: 301-891-4106
E-mail: titleixcoordinator@wau.edu

Off Campus Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
www.ndvh.org

Maryland Network Against Domestic
Violence (MNADV)
www.mnadv.org

Abused Persons Program
1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Fl, Ste. 1400
Rockville, MD 20850
Hotline: 240-777-4000
Office: 240-777-4195

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Survivors

of

Domestic

Violence



What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in a relationship that is used by one partner to maintain power and control over another current or former intimate partner, person with whom the victim shares a child in common, or person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim or spouse. Domestic violence can include physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behavior that intimidates, manipulates, humiliates, isolates, frightens, terrorizes, coerces, threatens, hurts, injures, or wounds someone.

Scope of the Problem

- Women aged 16-24 experience the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence.
- 53% of survivors were abused by a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend.
- Gay men are more likely to need medical attention and suffer injuries as a result of intimate partner violence than men who do not identify as gay
- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day.
- Some estimates say almost 1 million incidents of violence occur against a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend per year.

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship?

There are many signs to look for that could indicate that someone is being abused; some are easier to detect than others. For instance, does your partner:

1. Look at you or act in ways that scare you?
2. Control what you do, who you see or talk to, or where you go?
3. Stop you from seeing and talking to your friends or family members?
4. Make all of the decisions?
5. Tell you that you're a bad parent or threaten to take away or hurt your children?
6. Prevent you from working or attending school?
7. Intimidate you with guns, knives, or other weapons?
8. Hit, shove, slap, or choke you?
9. Threaten to commit suicide?
10. Threaten to kill you?
11. Express remorse and beg for forgiveness with seemingly loving gestures?
12. Deny that the abuse has occurred or make light of a violent episode?

If you answered "Yes" to even just one of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship. It doesn't matter if you stayed in the relationship despite the abuse; abuse is **NEVER YOUR FAULT.**

Where can you get help in an emergency?

In a crisis situation, call 911 for help.

Every state has a coalition against domestic violence. These coalitions can be valuable resources for survivors of domestic violence seeking services and referrals. For the state of Maryland, it is the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (visit mnadv.org for more information).

You can also call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE).

Once you call the Hotline, an advocate will put you in touch with a local program that can help you further.

