



Domestic Violence in Alabama

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

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- 16 percent of violent offenses in Alabama in 2013 were domestic violence incidents.ⁱ
- A firearm was used in 15 percent of these offenses.ⁱⁱ
- 24 domestic violence victims were killed in Alabama in 2013.ⁱⁱⁱ
- In 2013, there were 2,872 domestic violence aggravated assaults and 32,587 domestic violence simple assaults in Alabama.^{iv}
- A firearm was used in half of Alabama domestic violence homicides.^v

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.^{vi}
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, approximately 15 calls every minute.^{vii}
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.^{viii}
- Having a gun in the home increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.^{ix}
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.^x

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN ALABAMA

1st Congressional District:

Lighthouse
Robertsdale
(251) 947-6197

Penelope House
Mobile
(251) 342-2809

2nd Congressional District:

Family Sunshine Center
Montgomery
(334) 206-2100

House of Ruth
Dothan
(334) 793-5214

If you need help:

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Or, online go to DomesticShelters.org





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3rd Congressional District

Crisis Center of Russell County
Phenix City
(334) 297-4435

Domestic Violence Intervention
Center
Auburn
(334) 749-1515

2nd Chance
Anniston
(256)236-7381

4th Congressional District

Harbor Haus Crisis Services
Cullman
(256) 734-6100

Daybreak
Jasper
(205) 387-1157

Kelley's Rainbow
Albertville
(256)891-9864

5th Congressional District:

Safeplace
Florence
(256)767-3076

Crisis Services of North
Alabama
Huntsville
(256) 716-4052

6th Congressional District:

Safehouse of Shelby
County
Pelham
(205) 669-1877

7th Congressional District:

SABRA Sanctuary
Selma
(334) 877-4645

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