

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC

- 32,794 domestic violence-related calls were made to the Metropolitan Police Department in 2013, approximately 1 call every 16 minutes. This figure represents an increase of nearly 1,000 total calls, or 2 additional domestic-violence related calls per day, as compared to 2012.ⁱ
- 5,005 petitions for Civil Protection Orders were filed in 2013, a 7% increase in filings from 2012. This is a number that has been consistently trending up in recent years, with the number of total filings in 2012 also being a 7% increase over 2011.ⁱⁱ
- 5,873 people were served at the two Domestic Violence Intake Center (DVIC) locations in 2013, a 7% overall increase from 2012. The DC Superior Court location served 3,451 persons, and the DVIC satellite office in Southeast Washington (DVIC-SE) served 2,422. While the number served at the Courthouse remained relatively flat, the DVIC-SE located at United Medical Center located in Ward 8 served over 400 more persons in 2013 than 2012, an increase of 20%.ⁱⁱⁱ

DID YOU KNOW?

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON, DC

Jewish Women
International
202.857.1300

Survivors and Advocates
for Empowerment
202.879.8740

Asian/Pacific Islander
Domestic Violence
Resource Project

DV LEAP
202.994.7463

My Sister's Place
202.529.5991

If you need help:

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)





Domestic Violence in Washington, DC

House Of Ruth
202.667.7001

District Alliance For Safe
Housing DASH
202.462.3274

Break the Cycle
202.824.0707

Deaf Abused Women's
Network DAWN
202.559.5366

Ramona's Way
202.257.6790

DC Volunteer Lawyers
Project
202.885.5542

Becky's Fund
724.518.1169

ⁱ DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2015). *Domestic violence in the district of columbia: 2013 statistical snapshot*. Retrieved from <http://dccadv.org/img/fck/file/2013%20DC%20DV%20Statistics%20One%20Page.pdf>

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