



Domestic Violence in Massachusetts

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 MASSACHUSETTS

- Nearly 1 in 3 Massachusetts women has experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner.ⁱ
- Nearly 50% of women and 25% of men in Massachusetts have been subject to non-rape sexual assaults.ⁱⁱ
- In a single day, 1,795 victims were served by Massachusetts domestic violence programs.ⁱⁱⁱ
- In 2008, domestic violence was declared a public health emergency in Massachusetts.^{iv}
- Between 2003 and 2012, 266 victims were murdered in intimate partner homicides, and 74 domestic violence homicide perpetrators were killed.^v

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States 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}
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident 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 MASSACHUSETTS

1st Congressional District

Elizabeth Freeman Center
Pittsfield

Womanshelter
Holyoke

YWCA of Western
Massachusetts
Springfield

2nd Congressional District

Center for Women and Community
Amherst

NELCWIT
Greenfield

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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Safe Passage
Northampton

Pathways for Change
Worcester

YWCA of Central Massachusetts
Worcester

3rd Congressional District

Spanish American Center
Leominster

Center for Hope and Healing
Lowell

Domestic Violence Services
Network
Concord

Alternative House
Lowell

YWCA of Greater Lawrence
Lawrence

4th Congressional District

New Hope
Attleboro

The Second Step
Newton

5th Congressional District

Reach Beyond Domestic Violence
Waltham

Journey to Safety
Waltham

6th Congressional District

Healing Abuse Working for
Change
Salem

Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center
Amesbury

SAHELL: Friendship for South
Asian Women

7th Congressional District

HarborCOV
Chelsea

Renewal House
Roxbury

Transition House
Cambridge

Safe Havens Interfaith
Partnership
Boston

8th Congressional District

A New Day/Penelope's Place
Brockton

Family and Community
Resources
Brockton

Casa Myrna
Boston

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Boston Medical Center Domestic
Violence Program
Boston

DOVE
Women's Union

Elizabeth Stone House
Jamaica Plain

Crittenton Women's Union
Boston

FINEX House
Jamaica Plain

International Institute of Boston
Boston

9th Congressional District

A Safe Place
Nantucket

CONNECT to End Violence
Vineyard Haven

South Shore Women's Resource
Center
Plymouth

Cape Cod Center for Women
North Falmouth

Independence House
Hyannis

SSTAR Women's Center
Fall River

The Women's Center
New Bedford

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