



Domestic Violence in Rhode Island

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 RHODE ISLAND

- In 2014, 8,876 victims of domestic violence were served by domestic violence programs in Rhode Island.ⁱ
- Children were present in 28% of Rhode Island’s 2010 domestic violence incidents.ⁱⁱ
- 11% of Rhode Island high school students have been physically hurt by a significant other, higher than the national average.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Firearms were used in at least 93 domestic violence deaths from 1980-2010 in Rhode Island.^{iv}

DID YOU KNOW?

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN RHODE ISLAND

1st Congressional District

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center
Pawtucket

Women’s Center of Rhode Island
Providence

Women’s Resource Center
Newport

2nd Congressional District

Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County
Wakefield

Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center
Warwick

Sojourner House
Providence

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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