



Domestic Violence in South Carolina

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 SOUTH CAROLINA

- In 2011, South Carolina had the highest rate of women murdered by men in the US, more than double the national average.ⁱ In 2012, it had the second highest rate of women murdered by men.ⁱⁱ
- South Carolina has ranked in the top ten states for the rate of femicide in each of the past 17 years.ⁱⁱⁱ
- In 2012, 71% of women killed by men in South Carolina were killed with a gun.^{iv}
- On a single day in 2014, South Carolina domestic violence programs served 390 victims.^v
- An estimated 19% of South Carolina women will experience stalking in their lifetimes.^{vi}

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.^{vii}
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.^{viii}
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.^{ix}
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.^x
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.^{xi}

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

1st Congressional District

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
Beaufort

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry
Beaufort

People Against Rape
Charleston

2nd Congressional District

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons
Aiken

3rd Congressional District

Beyond Abuse
Greenwood

Foothills Alliance
Anderson

Laurens County Safe Home
Clinton

Meg's House
Greenwood

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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4th Congressional District

Julie Valentine Center
Greenville

Safe Harbor
Greenville

SAFE Homes – Rape Crisis
Coalition
Spartanburg

5th Congressional District

Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual
Assault
Lancaster

Safe Passage
Rock Hill

6th Congressional District

CASA/Family Systems
Orangeburg

My Sister's House
North Charleston

Sistercare
Columbia

YWCA of the Upper
Lowlands
Sumter

7th Congressional District

Family Justice Center
Georgetown

Pee Dee Coalition Against
Domestic and Sexual Assault
Florence

Rape Crisis Center
Myrtle Beach

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