

### 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 TENNESSEE

- 40% of Tennessee women<sup>i</sup> and 32.5% of Tennessee men<sup>ii</sup> experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes.
- 43 Tennesseans were murdered by intimate partners in 2014. Firearms were used in approximately 75% of these homicides.<sup>iii</sup>
- 74,023 domestic violence crimes were reported to Tennessee law enforcement in 2014.<sup>iv</sup> Many others went unreported.
- 436 intimate partner abductions were reported to Tennessee law enforcement in 2014.<sup>v</sup>
- Approximately half of all forcible rapes reported to Tennessee law enforcement in 2014 were perpetrated by intimate partners.<sup>vi</sup>
- Less than half of forcible rapes reported to law enforcement in Tennessee in 2014 were cleared (either resulted in an arrest or law enforcement had enough information for an arrest but circumstances prevented it).<sup>vii</sup>
- As of December 31, 2015, Tennessee had submitted two domestic violence misdemeanor and one protective order records to the NICS Index.<sup>viii</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIREARMS LAWS IN TENNESSEE

- Domestic violence misdemeanants are prohibited from possessing firearms.<sup>xiv</sup> Upon conviction, they must surrender their firearms.<sup>xv</sup>
- Misdemeanant stalkers are prohibited from possessing firearms.<sup>xvi</sup>
- Abusers subject to permanent protective orders are prohibited from possessing firearms.<sup>xvii</sup> Such abusers are required to surrender their firearms within 48 hours.<sup>xviii</sup>
- Law enforcement responding to a domestic violence call are required to seize any firearms the abuser used or threatened to use in the course of the domestic violence incident. They may seize other firearms if they believe it necessary to protect themselves or the victim.<sup>xix</sup>
- Tennessee could strengthen its laws to protect victims and survivors by:
  - Prohibiting dating violence misdemeanants from possessing firearms;
  - Prohibiting respondents to ex parte protective orders from possessing firearms;
  - Requiring background checks for all gun sales and transfers.

#### **If you need help:**

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Or, online go to [TheHotline.org](http://TheHotline.org)





## Domestic Violence in Tennessee

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN TENNESSEE

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

Johnson County Safe Haven  
Mountain City  
423.727.1914

Legal Aid of East Tennessee  
Johnson City  
423.928.8311

Safe Passage  
Johnson City  
423.926.7233

The Shepherd's Inn-Safe House/Emergency Shelter  
Elizabethton  
423.542.0180

EASE Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Inc.  
Morristown  
423.581.7029

Change Is Possible  
Erwin  
423.743.0022

Safe House  
Kingsport  
423.246.2273

SafeSpace  
Sevierville  
865.397.8546

Abuse Alternatives  
Bristol  
423.764.2287

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District

The Salvation Army/The Joy  
Baker Center  
Knoxville  
865.525.9401

Helen Ross McNabb Family  
Crisis Center  
Knoxville  
865.637.8000

Knoxville Family Justice Center  
Knoxville  
865.521.6336

Haven House, Inc  
Alcoa  
865.983.6818

YWCA Knoxville  
Knoxville  
865.523.6126

Hope for Healing  
Jefferson City  
865.964.6673

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

Partnership for  
Families, Children and  
Adults  
Chattanooga  
423.752.1684

Community Health of  
East Tennessee  
LaFollette  
423.563.1001

The H.O.P.E. Center  
Inc.  
Athens  
423.745.5289

Haven House  
Maryville  
865.982.1087

Crisis Center for  
Women - IVAS  
Lenoir City  
865.816.3481

Scott County  
Women's Shelter  
Oneida  
423.569.3333

Family Court Services  
of East Tennessee  
Madisonville  
423.545.3047

YWCA Oak Ridge  
Oak Ridge  
865.482.0005

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Domestic Violence  
Program Inc  
Murfreesbro  
615.896.2012

Families in Crisis, Inc.  
McMinnville  
931.473.6221

Family Resource  
Agency  
Cleveland  
423.479.9339

YWCA Nashville &  
Middle Tennessee  
Nashville  
800.334.4628

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Family and Children's  
Service  
Nashville  
615.320.0591

The Jean Crowe  
Advocacy Center  
Nashville  
615.862.4767

YWCA Nashville &  
Middle Tennessee  
Nashville  
800.334.4628

Morning Star  
Sanctuary  
Madison  
615.860.0003

You Have the Power  
Nashville  
615.292.7027

Crossroads  
Counseling  
Nashville  
615.256.2327

Exodus, Inc.  
Nashville  
615.710.0536

The Lioness  
Foundation  
Nashville  
615.610.1955

The Mary Parrish Center for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Nashville  
615.256.5959

### 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

HomeSafe, Inc.  
Gallatin  
615.452.4315

HomeSafe, Inc.  
Springfield  
615.382.0829

Haven of Hope  
Manchester  
931.728.1133

Walk By Faith  
Ministries  
Byrdstown  
931.349.4435

Genesis House  
Cookeville  
931.526.5197

Gracemoor  
Sparta  
931.837.7233

HomeSafe, Inc.  
Lebanon  
615.444.8955

YWCA Nashville &  
Middle Tennessee  
Nashville  
800.334.4628

Avalon Center Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program  
Crossville  
931.456.0747

### 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

YWCA of Nashville & Middle  
Tennessee  
Nashville  
615.242.1199

Center of Hope  
Columbia  
931.381.8580

Women Are Safe  
Centerville  
931.729.9885

Bridges Domestic Violence  
Center  
Franklin  
615.599.5777

The Shelter, Inc.  
Lawrenceburg  
931.762.1115

Urban Ministries Safe House  
Clarksville  
931.552.6900

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Northwest Safeline  
Dyersburg  
731.285.6470

Fayette Cares, Inc.  
Somerville  
901.465.3802

WRAP  
Jackson  
731.668.0411

### 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Memphis Family  
Shelter  
Memphis  
901.278.2728

Java House  
Bartlett  
901.212.8841

YWCA Memphis  
Memphis  
901.725.4277

CAAP Domestic  
Violence Program  
Memphis  
901.725.4277

Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.  
Memphis  
901.222.4400

<sup>i</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2014). *Lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner by state of residence—U.S. women, NISVS 2010*. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state\\_tables\\_74.html](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state_tables_74.html).

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<sup>iii</sup> Tennessee Bureau of Investigations. (2015). *Domestic violence offenses and clearances* [Data File]. Retrieved from <http://tncrimeonline.com/public/View/disppview.aspx?ReportId=28>.

<sup>iv</sup> Ibid.

<sup>v</sup> Ibid.

<sup>vi</sup> Ibid.

<sup>vii</sup> Ibid.

<sup>viii</sup> FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division: National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Section (2016). *Active records in the NICS Index as of December 31, 2015*. Retrieved from <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/nics/reports/active-records-in-the-nics-index-by-state>.

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<sup>x</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *2014 domestic violence counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services*. Retrieved from [http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14\\_NatlSummary\\_Color-2.pdf](http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlSummary_Color-2.pdf).

<sup>xi</sup> Truman, J. & Morgan, R. (2014). *Nonfatal domestic violence, 2003-2012*. Retrieved from <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ndv0312.pdf>.

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<sup>xiii</sup> Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from: [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf)

<sup>xiv</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(f)(1)(A).

<sup>xv</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-111.

<sup>xvi</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1316(a)(1).

<sup>xvii</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(f)(1)(B).

<sup>xviii</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-625(b).

<sup>xix</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-620(a)(1).

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