



Domestic Violence in West Virginia

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 WEST VIRGINIA

- 1/3 of homicides in West Virginia are related to domestic violence.ⁱ
- 12,661 domestic violence offenses were reported to law enforcement in West Virginia in 2010.ⁱⁱ
- A call is placed to a West Virginia domestic violence hotline every 9 minutes.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Over 2/3 of women murdered in West Virginia are killed by a family or household member.^{iv}

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.^v
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, 15 calls per 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 WEST VIRGINIA

1st Congressional District

Family Crisis Center
Keyser
(304) 788-6061

Family Crisis Intervention Center
Parkersburg
(304) 428-2333

YWCA Family Violence
Prevention Program
Wheeling
(304) 232-2748

2nd Congressional District

Shenandoah Women's Center
Martinsburg
(304) 263-8559

Women's Aid in Crisis
Elkins
(304) 636-8433

YWCA Resolve Family Abuse
Program
Charleston
(304) 340-3549

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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3rd Congressional District

Branches
Huntington
(304) 529-2382

Hope
Fairmont
(304) 367-1100

Stop Abusive Family
Environments
Welch
(304) 436-8117

Family Refuge Center
Lewisburg
(304) 645-6334

Lighthouse
Weirton
(304) 797-7233

Tug Valley Recovery Shelter
Williamson
(304) 235-6121

Women's Resource Center
Beckley
(304) 255-2559

ⁱ West Virginia Uniform Crime Report, West Virginia State Police, 2010.

ⁱⁱ Ibid

ⁱⁱⁱ *Domestic Violence Counts 2011: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelter and services across the United States*, National Network to End Domestic Violence, 2011.

^{iv} *Domestic Violence Fatalities Among Adults in WV 2003-2005*, WV Bureau for Public Health, May 2010.

^v Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M. (2011). *The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey: 2010 summary report*. Retrieved from http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_report2010-a.pdf.

^{vi} National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *2014 domestic violence counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services*. Retrieved from http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlSummary_Color-2.pdf.

^{vii} 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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^{ix} Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf.

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