

# Domestic Violence in Wyoming

#### 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 WYOMING

- In 2014, 2,592 domestic violence incidents were reported to law enforcement. Many other incidents went unreported. Although this number is comparatively small, it is important to recognize Wyoming is the least populous state in the nation.<sup>i</sup>
- 56% of reported incidents resulted in arrests.
- On a single day in 2014, Wyoming domestic violence programs served 279 victims.
- An estimated 20.6% of Wyoming women are stalked in their lifetimes.
- 10.3% of Wyoming high school students have reported being intentionally physically hurt by a dating partner in the past year.
- Half of Wyoming domestic violence femicides are committed with firearms.

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

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN WYOMING

Violence-Douglas

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

SAFE Project Carbon County Crook County Fremont County Laramie COVE Family Violence Alliance Rawlins and Sexual Assault Riverton **Big Horn County** Services CARES Converse Cty. Sundance Goshen County Basin **Coalition Against** 

Task Force Torrington

### If you need help:





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Hot Springs County HOPE Agency -Thermopolis

Johnson County Family Crisis Center Buffalo

Safehouse Services Cheyenne Lincoln County Turning Point Kemmerer

Natrona County Self Help Center Casper

Niobrara County Helpmate Lusk Park County Crisis Intervention Services Cody

Platte County Project SAFE Wheatland

Sheridan County Advocacy and Resource Center Sheridan Sublette County SAFV Task Force Pinedale

Teton Cty. Comm. Safety Network Jackson

Sexual Assault and Family Violence Task Force Evanston

FOCUS Newcastle

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