



Domestic Violence in 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 VIRGINIA

- In 2012, 17,664 domestic violence crimes were reported to Virginia law enforcement. Many others went unreported.ⁱ
- In 2012, Virginia law enforcement made 20,718 arrests for domestic violence. Only 26% of these arrests led to convictions.ⁱⁱ Of the 1,016 felony charges, 90% led to convictions.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Virginia police estimate there are approximately 31,000 active protective orders on file in the state at any given time.^{iv}
- In 2012, 117 Virginians were killed in domestic violence-related homicides, comprising 34% of all Virginia homicides deaths (117 of 344). A majority were killed with firearms.^v

DID YOU KNOW?

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN VIRGINIA

1st Congressional District

The Haven
Shelter and
Services, Inc.
Warsaw
804.333.1099

Empowerhouse
Fredericksburg
540.373.9372

Laurel Shelter,
Inc.
Gloucester
Courthouse
804.695.2790

York-Poquoson
Victim-Witness
Assistance
Program
Yorktown
757.890.3402

Avalon: A Center
for Women and
Children
Williamsburg
757.258.5022

2nd Congressional District

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Onancock
757.787.1329

Samaritan House, Inc.
Virginia Beach
757.631.0710

3rd Congressional District

YWCA of Richmond
Richmond
804.612.6126

YWCA South Hampton
Roads
Norfolk
757.625.4248

Help And Emergency
Response (HER)
Portsmouth
757.485.1445

Transitions Family
Violence Services
Hampton
757.722.2261

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

The James House Intervention/Prevention Services, Inc.
Hopewell
804.458.2704

Genieve Shelter
Suffolk
757.925.4365

5th Congressional District

Shelter for Help in
Emergency
Charlottesville
434.293.8509

Franklin County
Family Resource
Center
Rocky Mount
540.483.5088

Sexual Assault
Resource Agency
Charlottesville
434.295.7273

Madeline's House
Blackstone
434.292.1077

Powhatan
Domestic
Violence Services
Powhatan
804.598.5630

6th Congressional District

Project Horizon
Lexington
540.463.7861

Response, Inc.
Woodstock
540.459.5599

Salvation Army
Turning Point
Roanoke
540.345.0400

Collins Center
Harrisonburg
540.432.6430

Choices
Luray
540.743.4144

First Step
Harrisburg
540.434.0295

Bedford Domestic
Violence Services
Bedford
540.587.0970

Rescue Mission
Of Roanoke
Roanoke
540.343.7227

Total Action
Against Poverty In
Roanoke Valley
Roanoke
540.345.6781

YWCA Mercy
Home
Lynchburg
406.452.1315

SARA, Inc.
Roanoke
540.345.7273

YWCA Central VA
Lynchburg
434.847.7751

New Directions
Stauton
540.885.7273

7th Congressional District

Virginia Sexual and
Domestic Violence
Action Alliance
Richmond
804.377.0335

Hanover Safe
Place
Ashland
804.752.2702

Safe Harbor
Richmond
804.249.9470

Services for
Abused Families
Culpeper
800.825.8876

Project Hope at
Quin Rivers
New Kent
804.966.8720

8th Congressional District

Violence
Intervention
Program
Arlington
703.228.1135

Alexandria
Domestic
Violence Program
Alexandria
703.746.4911

Doorways for
Women and
Families
Arlington
703.504.9400

Alive Home
Alexandria
703.684.1430

Arlington County
Violence
Intervention
Program
Arlington
703.228.5000

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9th Congressional District

Citizens Against Family
Violence
Martinsville
276.632.8701

Family Crisis Support
Services
Norton
276.679.7240

Hope House of Scott
County
Gate City
276.386.1373

Abuse Alternatives
Bristol
423.764.2287

Safehome Systems, Inc
Covington
540.965.3237

Clinch Valley Community
Action Agency
North Tazewell
276.988.5583

Women's Resource
Center of the New River
Valley
Radford
540.639.1123

Family Resource Center
Wytheville
276.625.0219

10th Congressional District

Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter
(LAWS)
Leesburg
703.777.6552

Peaceful Families Project
Great Falls
703.474.6870

Laurel Center Intervention for
Domestic & Sexual Violence
Winchester
540.667.6466

11th Congressional District

Fairfax County Office for
Women & Domestic and
Sexual Violence
Services
Fairfax
703.360.7273

Artemis House
Herndon
703.435.4940

ACTS Turning Points
Dumfries
703.221.4460

Alternative House
Dunn Loring
703.506.9191

Time To Fly Foundation
Falls Church
877.570.9488

ⁱ Attorney General of Virginia (2014). *2013 annual report: Domestic and sexual violence in Virginia*. Retrieved from <http://www.oag.state.va.us/images/DomViolence/2013StatewideDVReport.pdf>.

ⁱⁱ Ibid.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.

^{iv} Ibid.

^v Ibid.

^{vi} 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.

^{vii} 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.

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

^{ix} Campbell, J.C., Webster, D., Koziol-McLain, J., Block, C., Campbell, D., Curry, M. A., Gary, F., Glass, N., McFarlane, J., Sachs, C., Sharps, P., Ulrich, Y., Wilt, S., Manganello, J., Xu, X., Schollenberger, J., Frye, V., & Lauphon, K. (2003). Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: Results from a multisite case control study. *American Journal of Public Health, 93*(7), 1089-1097.

^x Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from: www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf

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