

Help is Here
Domestic Violence National Hotline
1(800) 799 7233 (SAFE)



YOU CAN GET HELP

Interpersonal violence happens to people of all races, cultures, incomes, and education levels. It can happen on a first date, or when you are deeply in love. It can happen whether you are young or old, and in heterosexual or same-sex relationships. Interpersonal violence is always wrong, and you can get help.

Domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence (IPV), is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, or financial abuse (using money and financial tools to exert control) perpetrated by a spouse, former spouse, live-in partner, former live-in partner, or the other parent of the child in common.

Dating violence occurs when one person purposely hurts or scares someone they are dating. Dating violence includes physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

Sexual violence is any type of sexual activity that a person does not agree to with express consent. Sexual violence can be verbal, visual, or physical. It is perpetrated in many ways including but not limited to: rape, intimate contact without consent such as child molestation, sex with an intoxicated person, groping or unwanted sexual touching, stalking, verbal coercion, harassment, or forcing a person to perform sexual acts such as oral sex or penetrating the perpetrator's body. Sexual violence may be committed by acquaintances, friends, family members, or strangers.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior that makes you feel afraid, nervous, harassed, or in danger. It is when someone repeatedly contacts you, follows you, sends you things, talks to you when you don't want them to, or threatens you. You can be stalked by someone you know casually, a stranger, a past or current friend, a boyfriend or girlfriend, or a current or former partner or spouse.

A Protective Order is a court order, signed by a judge, designed to prevent further acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Why get a protective order?

A judge can order the respondent to have no contact with you, your children, or others who might need protection; stay away from your home, school, workplace, or other places you may likely be; stop abusing or threatening you; and/or leave a shared home. If you have children in common, the court may give you temporary custody and set up a visitation schedule, or order child support.

Who can file for a protective order?

Family members (including spouses, former spouses, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren), couples who have lived together, or couples who have a child in common can file for a Domestic Violence Order.

People who are in or have been in a dating relationship, people who have been sexually assaulted, and people who have been stalked can file for an Interpersonal Protective Order.

How do I get a protective order?

Contact the Circuit Clerk's office – either in the county where you usually live, or the county to which you've fled in order to escape the abuse. After business hours, or if you have any questions or concerns, contact your local police or domestic violence program to find out what you have to do. See listings below for how to contact your domestic violence program or rape crisis center. Protective orders are available 24 hours a day, every day!

THERE ARE NO FEES OR COSTS TO YOU FOR ASKING FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER.

Rape Crisis Centers

In Kentucky, nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men are victims of sexual violence sometime in their lives. LGBTQ and minorities report an even higher prevalence of sexual violence. Centers throughout Kentucky offer FREE support services for individuals who experience sexual violence in the following ways:

- Accompany individual to a sexual assault forensic exam and/or other medical appointments
- Accompany individual to hearings, trials, and meetings related to sexual violence, including with law enforcement and to court: may include civil, protection order, criminal, and/or school cases
- Counseling and/or therapy: services vary and may include options for individual as well as group
- 24/7 crisis line: Call 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) to be connected to a center
- Walk in services available at some locations
- Information and referrals for other needs

Both youth and adults are eligible. Services are available for those who recently experienced sexual violence or if it happened 30 years ago. Support services are also available to friends and family members of the individual.

Domestic Violence Programs

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Survivors come from all walks of life. They may be of any sex, class background, race, religion, or sexual orientation. They come from different educational and income levels. In addition to providing a safe, secure environment for victims/survivors and their children, Kentucky's domestic violence programs offer a variety of supportive services to both shelter residents and non-residential participants. Program services include:

- 24-hour crisis line
- Legal/Court advocacy
- Case Management and Safety Planning
- Support groups and individual counseling
- Children's groups and parenting classes
- Housing assistance, financial education, budgeting, and help in reaching economic independence

- Access to Individual Development Accounts, free tax preparation, and job search assistance
- Drug and alcohol services or referrals to substance abuse programs

All domestic violence crisis services are available free of charge.

Rape Crisis Centers

Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center (ASARC)

Location: Somerset, KY
Counties Served: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, Wayne
Phone number: 1-800-656-4573

Hope Harbor, Inc.

Location: Bowling Green, KY
Counties Served: Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, Warren
Phone number: 1-800-656-4673

The Center for Women and Families

Location: Louisville, KY
Counties Served: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble
Phone number: 1-844-237-2331

Cumberland River Behavioral Health, Rape Victim Services

Location: Corbin, KY
Counties Served: Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, Whitley
Phone number: 1-800-656-4673

Pathways Rape Victims Services Program

Locations: Ashland and Morehead
Counties Served: Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Rowan, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence
Phone number: 1-800-562-8909

Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center

Location: Lexington, KY
Counties Served: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, Woodford
Phone number: 1-800-656-4673

The Rising Center

Location: Hazard, KY
Counties Served: Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Wolfe
Phone number: 1-800-375-7273

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Healing Program for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Location: Prestonsburg, KY
Counties served: Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Pike
Phone number: 1-800-422-1060

Women's Crisis Center

Locations: Covington and Maysville, KY
Counties served: Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton, Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Robertson
Phone number: 1-800-928-3335

New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services

Location: Owensboro, KY
Counties served: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, Webster
Phone number: 1-800-226-7273

Sanctuary, Inc.

Location: Hopkinsville, KY
Counties Served: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg
Phone number: 1-800-766-0000

Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services

Location: Elizabethtown, KY
Counties served: Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Washington
Phone number: 1-800-767-5838

Purchase Area Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center

Location: Paducah, KY
Counties served: Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall, McCracken
Phone number: 1-877-672-2124

Domestic Violence Programs

Bethany House Abuse Shelter, Inc.

Location: Somerset, KY
Counties Served: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, Wayne
Phone number: 1-800-7555-2017

Barren River Area Safe Space (BRASS)

Location: Bowling Green, KY
Counties Served: Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, Warren
Phone number: 1-800-928-1183

The Center for Women and Families

Location: Louisville, KY
Counties Served: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble
Phone number: 1-844-237-2331

Cumberland Valley Domestic Violence Services

Location: London, KY
Counties Served: Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, Whitley
Phone number: 1-800-755-5348

DOVES of Gateway

Location: Morehead, KY
Counties Served: Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Rowan
Phone number: 1-800-221-4361

GreenHouse 17

Location: Lexington, KY
Counties Served: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, Woodford
Phone number: 1-800-544-2022

LKLP Safehouse

Location: Hazard, KY
Counties Served: Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, Wolfe
Phone number: 1-800-928-3131

Merryman House

Location: Paducah, KY
Counties served: Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall, McCracken
Phone number: 1-800-585-2686

Owensboro Area Shelter & Information Services (OASIS)

Location: Owensboro, KY
Counties served: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, Webster
Phone number: 1-800-882-2873

Safe Harbor/FIVCO

Location: Ashland, KY
Counties Served: Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence
Phone number: 1-800-926-2150

Sanctuary, Inc.

Location: Hopkinsville, KY
Counties Served: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg
Phone number: 1-800-766-0000

SpringHaven, inc.

Location: Elizabethtown, KY
Counties served: Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Washington
Phone number: 1-800-767-5838

Turning Point Domestic Violence Services

Location: Prestonsburg, KY
Counties served: Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Pike
Phone number: 1-800-649-6605

Women's Crisis Center – NKY

Location: Covington, KY
Counties served: Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton
Phone number: 1-800-928-3335

Women's Crisis Center – Buffalo Trace

Location: Maysville, KY
Counties served: Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Robertson
Phone number: 1-800-928-6708