



October is

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

Washington County District Attorney's Office, Washington County Law Enforcement Agencies, and Domestic Violence Community-Based Agencies are raising our voices in support of survivors of domestic violence with the shared goal to **#EndDV**

Domestic violence affects millions of people including all races, ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, socioeconomic levels, religions, backgrounds, beliefs and abilities.

Domestic violence includes physical, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual, financial and technological abuse and can occur between family members, intimate partners, and within dating relationships.

More than 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States report having experienced domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault or physical assault by an intimate partner during their lifetimes.

Domestic violence impacts vulnerable victims including children. Approximately 50% of Washington County children who are child abuse victims also live in homes with domestic violence.

Please know, you are not alone. We hear you. We see you. You deserve to be safe and to be treated with respect and dignity. There are resources available to you, both nationally and right here in Washington County.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Family Justice Center of Washington County (FJC)
503-430-8300 | www.fjwcw.org

Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC services include LGBTQ+, Latinx, and SAWERA advocacy)
24-Hour Crisis Line: 503-469-8620 | www.dvrc-or.org

Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services (CARES Northwest)
503-276-9000 | www.caresnw.org

Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)
24/7 Support Line: 503-640-5311 Office: 503-626-9100
www.sarcOregon.org

Call to Safety
24-Hour Crisis Line: 503-235-5333
www.calltosafety.org

Safety Compass
24-Hour Hotline: 971-235-0021
www.safetycompass.org

Oregon Law Center (OLC) / Legal Aid
503-640-4115 | www.oregonlawhelp.org
www.oregonlawcenter.org

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC & FAITH BASED RESOURCES

Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services (ARMS)
503-846-9284 | www.armsonline.org

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)
503-234-1541 | www.ircoworld.org

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
503-288-8177 x219 | www.nayapdx.org

El Programa Hispano Catolico- Proyecto UNICA
24/7 Spanish Crisis Line: 503-232-4448
www.elprograma.org/unica

Slavic Oregon Social Services (SOSS)
24/7 Crisis Line: 503-939-4041 | Office: 503-777-3437
www.emoregon.org/ross

Raphael House
503-222-6507 | www.raphaelhouse.com

Bradley Angle
503-232-1528 | www.bradleyangle.org

African Youth Community Organization (AYCO)
971-254-8916 | www.aycworld.org

Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)
503-924-2448 | www.lcsnw.org/beaverton

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233 (SAFE)
www.thehotline.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline Deaf Services
855-812-1001 (videophone) or
800-787-3224 (TTY)

National Sexual Abuse Hotline
800-656-4673 (HOPE)
www.rainn.org

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

WHO SHOULD I CALL?

If you or someone you know is in a domestic violence situation, here is where you can reach out for assistance:

- If someone is in imminent physical danger, call **911**.
- If you would like to speak with a confidential advocate to discuss your options, call the Domestic Violence Resource Center at **503-469-8620**.
- If you would like to speak to a law enforcement officer with non-emergency dispatch to be directed to the appropriate agency, call **503-629-0111**.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT OREGON IS A MANDATORY ARREST STATE?

Police officers in Oregon must investigate allegations of domestic abuse when it comes to their attention.

- If officers have probable cause that a crime has been committed, officers must attempt to determine the primary aggressor of the incident and must arrest that person.
- The victim does not have the right to drop or not press charges. The State of Oregon makes this decision.
- The District Attorney's Office in the county where the abuse occurs decides whether criminal charges will be filed.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CRIME?

All forms of assault and battery are illegal. However, there are special domestic violence laws that criminalize acts of assault and battery between family and household members. Under Oregon's Family Abuse Protection Act, domestic abuse is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:

- Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury
- Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury, or
- Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force

Under Oregon's domestic violence laws, "family or household members" can only mean one of the following groups of people: spouses; former spouses; adults related by blood, marriage or adoption; people who are living together, or have previously lived together and who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship within the last two years; or unmarried parents of a child.

Additionally, crimes in the presence of children are elevated to felonies in the state of Oregon.

WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFERRED SENTENCING PROGRAM (DVDS)?

DVDS is an 18-month long program through the court that requires the abusive person (defendant) to complete domestic violence classes as well as any additional treatment as ordered by the judge. As part of the program, the defendant can have no contact with the victim, unless and until changed in writing by the probation department. Contact will only be considered after defendant completes 12 out of 51 domestic violence treatment classes. Upon successful completion of the program, the court will dismiss the charge(s). If the defendant violates conditions or fails to complete the program, they may be terminated from the program and sentenced for the crime to which the guilty plea was entered. For more information, please call the Washington County District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program: **503-846-8314**.

WHAT IS A NO CONTACT ORDER?

When someone is arrested for domestic violence, a mandatory **NO CONTACT ORDER** is in effect between the person arrested and the alleged victim. For more information, please call the Washington County District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program: **503-846-8314**.

WHAT TYPES OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

A protective order is a civil or criminal order that restricts one person from contacting another and can only be granted by a judge, in cases where qualifying criteria have been met. The person requesting the protective order is called the petitioner and the other party is called the respondent. There is no cost to petitioning for a protective order.

Some types of protective orders include: Family Abuse Protection Act Restraining Order (FAPA), Elderly Abuse and Persons with Disabilities Prevention Act Restraining Order (EPPDAPA), Sexual Abuse Protective Order (SAPO), Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), Stalking Protective Order (SPO).

For further information and assistance please contact: DVRC at **503-640-5352**, or www.oregonlawhelp.org.

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