

# Domestic violence is a public health, criminal, and social issue that affects us all.

An estimated **47% of women** and **44% of men** experience sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.<sup>1</sup> While domestic violence can look different in every situation, there are some common experiences in unhealthy or abusive relationships.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, contact your local domestic violence hotline. Trained advocates will help victims create confidential, personalized safety plans and connect to resources.

## 24-hour Hotlines & Shelters

New Castle County: 302-762-6110 (bilingual)

Kent & Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058  
or 302-745-9874 (bilingual)



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We envision a **First State**  
where safe, healthy,  
**equitable relationships,**  
**families and communities**  
**thrive.**

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## WHO WE ARE

The **Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence** (DCADV) is the statewide, nonprofit coalition of agencies and individuals working to end and prevent domestic violence in Delaware.

We work in partnership with direct service providers, government officials, businesses, and community partners to promote safe and respectful relationships for individuals of all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, and abilities.

## DCADV SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY BY:

- educating the public about the effects of domestic violence on our communities;
- promoting primary prevention strategies that address the root causes of violence;
- advocating for policy and legislative issues that impact victims;
- serving as a resource hub for domestic violence, bringing local, regional, and national expertise to Delaware;
- providing technical assistance and training to service providers, professionals, and community groups on how to respond and prevent intimate partner violence;
- offering a Domestic Violence Specialist Certification to enhance the skills of those working in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention in Delaware.

## Be part of a movement to end and prevent violence by becoming a supporting member!

- Supporting membership is open to individuals, organizations, and businesses who would like to help prevent and end domestic violence.
- Your tax-deductible contributions support DCADV's public information, advocacy, and policy reform efforts on behalf of victims of domestic violence and their children.
- A Supporting Membership shows the community and policy makers that there is wide support for the Coalition's mission and programming. Ask your employer to support DCADV or to match your membership donation.

[dcadv.org/membership](https://dcadv.org/membership)



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

- Encourage employers to institute human resource policies that support victims.
- Let your legislators know where you stand on this important issue. Join DCADV's Action Alert list at [dcadv.org/join-us](https://dcadv.org/join-us)
- Participate on DCADV's Women of Color Task Force or Women Empowered Against Violence in Every Relationship (WEAVER) Task Force to advocate and promote awareness in your community.