

## About Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used by one partner in an intimate relationship to control the other.

It can include physical, psychological, verbal, sexual, and/or financial abuse. It is always about power and control.

It is estimated that 1 in 4 women will be victimized in her lifetime. Domestic violence is a public health, criminal, and social issue that affects us all.

We all have a role in preventing and ending domestic violence.

## How to Get Help

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, contact your local domestic violence hotline to learn about available options and services. Their trained advocates help victims create confidential, personalized safety plans.

### 24-Hour Hotlines & Shelters

**New Castle County**  
**302.762.6110 (bilingual)**

**Kent & Sussex Counties**  
**302.422.8058 or**  
**302.745.9874 (bilingual)**

## Supporting Membership

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.

In addition to financial support, Supporting Membership shows the community and policy makers that there is wide support for the Coalition's mission and programming.

Visit our Members and Partners webpage for an online membership form and a printable form. Various forms of payment are accepted.

## Contact Us



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promote equality  
coalition of agencies  
and individuals  
**Prevention**  
healthy relationships justice  
stop domestic violence  
**join us**  
Social Change  
partnership  
awareness  
1 in 4 women affected  
**Advocacy**  
alter the social conditions that  
allow violence to occur

Visit our website for  
information and resources:

[www.dcadv.org](http://www.dcadv.org)

## Who We Are

DCADV is the statewide, nonprofit **coalition of agencies and individuals** working to **stop domestic violence** in Delaware.

We **work in partnership** with direct service providers, government officials, and business and community partners to **promote equality** in relationships as we strive to **alter the social conditions** that allow violence and abuse to occur.

We invite you to **join us** in these efforts.

### KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

**Public Awareness**  
**Public Policy and Systems Advocacy**  
**Training and Certification**  
**Prevention**  
**Economic Justice**  
**Mental Health, Trauma, and Disabilities**

## What We Do

- Inform the public about the effects of domestic violence on our communities.
- Assist in the planning and coordination of services for victims and their families.
- Provide training and technical assistance to service providers and professional and community groups that serve victims and survivors.
- Encourage safe and respectful relationships for individuals of all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, and abilities.
- Act as an information and resource center on domestic violence, bringing local, regional, and national expertise to Delaware.
- Advocate for policy and legislative issues that impact victims.
- Offer Domestic Violence Specialist Certification for advocates working with victims and perpetrators.
- Focus on specific populations, including teens, women of color, LGBTQ individuals, immigrants, and people with disabilities and mental health conditions.

**Learn More and Join DCADV's Mailing List**

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## What You Can Do

- Join the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Supporting Member.
- Raise awareness by talking with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- Volunteer in a local domestic violence program.
- Encourage employers to institute human resource policies that support victims.
- Make your voice heard. Let your legislators know where you stand on this important issue. Join DCADV's Action Alert list.
- Don't ignore signs of domestic violence. Call a local hotline to find out how to help.
- Hold abusers responsible for their behavior. Let them know there is no excuse for violence, ever.
- Ask your employer to support DCADV or to match your membership donation.
- Encourage programs in your community to teach children how to handle conflict without violence.
- Hold a cell phone drive to raise funds for DCADV.