



## Domestic Violence in Arizona

### 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.

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- In Arizona, first- and second-time domestic violence offenders are not charged with domestic violence; only the third incident is charged as domestic violence. First and second offenders are charged with offenses that then have 'domestic violence flags' attached.<sup>i</sup>
- In Arizona in 2010, law enforcement made 25,376 domestic violence-flagged arrests, an increase of 17.8% over arrests in 2001. Many other incidents were not reported to police or did not end in arrests.<sup>ii</sup>
- Between 2001 and 2010, when controlling for population, arrests for domestic violence aggravated assault increased 82%.<sup>iii</sup>
- The most common sentence for a perpetrator convicted of aggravated domestic violence (third offense) was probation.<sup>iv</sup>

- There were 109 domestic violence-related deaths in Arizona in 2014.<sup>v</sup>
- In 2012, Arizona ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation in femicides per capita.<sup>vi</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>vii</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.<sup>viii</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>ix</sup>
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>x</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>xi</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN ARIZONA

#### 1st Congressional District

Against Abuse,  
Casa Grande

Alice's Place,  
Winslow

Ama Doo Alchini Bighan,  
Chinle

Catholic Charities Community  
Services,  
Flagstaff

Flagstaff Shelter Services,  
Flagstaff

Gila County Safe Home,  
Globe

Hope Cottage,  
Flagstaff

Mount Graham Safe House,  
Safford

New Hope Ranch,  
St. Johns

Northland Family Help  
Center,  
Flagstaff

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#### **If you need help:**

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
Or, online go to [DomesticShelters.org](http://DomesticShelters.org)





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White Mountain S.A.F.E. House, Pinetop	<u>4th Congressional District</u> Amberly's Place, Yuma	<u>5th Congressional District</u> None	Eve's Place, Peoria
<u>2nd Congressional District</u> Emerge! Center Against DV, Tucson	Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network, Prescott	<u>6th Congressional District</u> Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation DV Program, Fort McDowell	New Life Center, Goodyear
Forgach House, Sierra Vista	Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter, Parker	<u>7th Congressional District</u> DeColores, Phoenix	Purple Ribbon Council to Prevent Domestic Abuse, Peoria
House of Hope, Douglas	Kingman Aid to Abused People, Kingman	MOMA's House, Laveen Village	<u>9th Congressional District</u> A New Leaf, Mesa
<u>3rd Congressional District</u> Genesis House Shelter, Green Valley	Peach Springs DV Shelter, Peach Springs	Sojourner Center, Phoenix	Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter, Mesa
Mariposa Wings to Safety, Nogales	Safe House, Bullhead City	The Salvation Army Elim House Domestic Violence Shelter, Phoenix	DOVES, Domestic Older Victims Empower and Safety, Phoenix
Our House/Nuestra Casa, Nogales	Safe House Shelter, Yuma	<u>8th Congressional District</u> A New Leaf's Faith House, Glendale	My Sister's Place, Chandler
Tohono O'odham Nation Domestic Violence Program, Sells	Time Out, Inc., Payson		Shelter Without Walls, Phoenix
	Verde Valley Sanctuary, Sedona		Chrysalis - Phoenix

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