



Domestic Violence in New Hampshire

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

- More than half of all New Hampshire women have experienced physical or sexual violence.ⁱ
- 22.7% of women in New Hampshire have been sexually assaulted, and 19.5% have been sexually assaulted with penetration. This is significantly higher than the rate of sexual assault against women in the nation as a whole.ⁱⁱ
- 92% of New Hampshire's homicides and suicides are related to domestic violence.ⁱⁱⁱ
- The majority of domestic violence homicides in New Hampshire are committed with firearms.^{iv}
- 15.9% of New Hampshire women are estimated to experience stalking at some point in their lifetimes.^v

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.^{vi}
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.^{vii}
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.^{viii}
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.^{ix}
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.^x

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

1st Congressional District

Starting Point
Conway

A Safe Place
Portsmouth

Sexual Assault Support Services
Portsmouth

2nd Congressional District

RESPONSE to Sexual and
Domestic Violence
Berlin

The Support Center at Burch
House
Littleton

Voices Against Violence
Plymouth

If you need help:

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





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2nd Congressional District (continued)

WISE
Lebanon

Turning Points Network
Claremont

Bridges: Domestic and Sexual
Violence Support
Nashua

New Beginnings Without
Violence or Abuse
Laconia

Crisis Center of Central New
Hampshire
Concord

Manadnock Center for Violence
Prevention
Keene

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ⁱⁱ Ibid.

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^{iv} Ibid.

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