



October

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

**Washington County District Attorney's Office, Washington County Law Enforcement Agencies, and Domestic Violence Community-Based Agencies are standing together to shine a light on domestic violence with the shared goal to #EndDV**

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

Domestic violence includes physical, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual, financial and digital 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.

Children exposed to violence in their homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average, often resulting in life-long trauma.

Due to Covid-19 and stay at home orders, many domestic violence survivors are faced with increased isolation, reduced accessibility to shelters and resources, and growing desperation.

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 (FJC)**

503-430-8300

### **Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC's services include LGBTQ+, LatinX, & SAWERA advocacy)**

Temporary Phone Line: 503-773-5193

Main Line: 503-640-5352

24-Hour Crisis Line: 503-469-8620 | 1-866-469-8600

### **Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)**

24 Hour Help Line: 503-640-5311

### **Call to Safety**

24 Hour Crisis Line: 503-235-5333 | 888-235-5333

### **CARES Northwest (Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services)**

503-276-9000

## CULTURALLY SPECIFIC RESOURCES

### **Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)**

DV Hotline: 503-445-1446

### **Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)**

503-288-8177

### **Projecto UNICA**

503-232-4448

### **Russian Oregon Social Services**

503-777-3437 | 503-939-4041 (24/7 line)

### **Bradley Angle**

503-232-1528

## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

### **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

800-799-7233

### **National Domestic Violence Hotline - Deaf Services**

855-812-1001 (videophone)

800-787-3224 (TTY)

### **National Sexual Abuse Hotline**

800-656-4673

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

## WHO SHOULD I CALL?

If you or someone you know is in a DV 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** | **1-866-469-8600**
- 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 determine that a crime has been committed, officers must attempt to determine who the aggressor was and 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 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 DV 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 DA's Office Victim Assistance Program: **503-846-8671**

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## 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 who have previously lived together; people 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 A NO CONTACT ORDER?

When someone is arrested for DV, a mandatory **NO CONTACT ORDER** is in effect between the person arrested and the alleged victim. Due to COVID-19, there has been an increase in citations which do not result in a No Contact Order. For more information, please call the Washington County DA's Office Victim Assistance Program: **503-846-8671**

## WHAT TYPES OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

Protection orders are civil orders intended to protect a victim from abuse and if granted by the court can order the respondent not to contact the victim/petitioner.

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: FJC at **503-430-8300**, DVRC at **503-640-5352**, or [www.oregonlawhelp.org](http://www.oregonlawhelp.org)