

## Facts about Domestic Violence

- A woman is battered every 9 seconds in the United States (US Department of Justice, 2002)
- 22 to 35% of women who visit medical emergency rooms are there for injured related to ongoing partner abuse (Journal of the American Medical Association, 1992)
- White, Black, and Hispanic women all experience about the same rate of violence committed by an intimate partner (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1994)
- Men can be victims of domestic violence, but statistics show that 90-95% of victims are women (US Department of Justice, 1994)
- Children who grow up in homes where violence is present are: 67 x more likely to engage in delinquent behavior as an adolescent, 100 x more likely to be abusers themselves, and child is abuse is 1500 x more likely to occur in families where domestic violence is present (US Department of Justice, 2002)

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# Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse

**Help for victims  
and survivors of  
domestic violence  
and sexual assault**



**Information for  
the religious  
community; clergy  
and members of  
congregations**

All services are  
confidential and free of  
charge

24 hour Crisis Hotline  
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## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Abuse happens when one person believes they are entitled to control another. Assault, battering and domestic violence are crimes.

Battering may include emotional, economic, physical, and/or sexual abuse, manipulation, isolation, and a variety of other behaviors used to maintain fear, intimidation, and power.

ATVP offers services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services are free and confidential and provided without discrimination.

## ATVP Services

- ◆ 24-hour Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Advocacy-Based Counseling
- ◆ Information & Referrals
- ◆ Confidential Emergency Shelter
- ◆ Legal and Medical Advocacy
- ◆ Support Groups
- ◆ Child Advocacy
- ◆ Community Presentations

## What the religious community can do to help a victim of Domestic Violence:

- Listen to and believe the victim
- Provide community resources
- Tell the victim that the abuse is not her fault, and it is not God's will for her
- Provide a safe haven for the victim, meaning a safe place for her to turn to and trust if her safety is in jeopardy
- Let the victim know that domestic violence is a crime and is not the victim's fault

## Other issues to consider are:

- The barriers to leaving—such as economic dependency, fear of losing children and joint assets, or unemployment
- Victims in rural communities are often physically isolated, which makes it difficult to leave
- Children are affected in homes where there is violence
- Religious teachings can serve either as a roadblock or a resource in addressing domestic violence

## Resources on Domestic Violence and Religious Issues:

- Alternatives to Violence of the Pa-louse (24-hours, collect calls accepted)  
(509) 332-HELP  
(208) 883-HELP
- WA 24 hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-562-6025
- National Domestic Violence Hot-line:  
1-800-799-SAFE (24 hours)  
1-800-787-3224 (TDD)
- Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence (a Christian organization):  
[www.cpsdv.org](http://www.cpsdv.org)  
1-206-634-1903

### *Resources available for check-out:*

- ◇ *Keeping the Faith: Questions and Answers for the Abused Woman* by Rev. Marie M. Fortune (Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence)
- ◇ Video: *Wings of a Dove* (CPSDV)
- ◇ Video: *Broken Vows* (CPSDV)
- Northwest Family Life Learning & Counseling Center:  
[www.northwestfamilylife.org](http://www.northwestfamilylife.org)
- Safe Place Ministries  
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