

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACT SHEET

- Domestic violence is the largest, single cause of injury among women seen at hospital emergency rooms.
- One out of every four American women report that they have been physically abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.
- An increasing number of victims are male.
- In the U.S. a woman is beaten every 15 seconds by an intimate partner.
- 75% of men who abuse their female partners also abuse their children.
- Up to 60% of all homeless women and children in the United States are fleeing domestic violence.
- In Utah during 2005, 65 persons died in domestic violence related circumstances; 44 of those committed suicide, 21 were killed by a family member/intimate partner.

### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

#### Utah Code 77-36-1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggravated assault</li> <li>• Assault</li> <li>• Criminal homicide</li> <li>• Harassment</li> <li>• Telephone harassment</li> <li>• Kidnapping, child kidnapping, or aggravated kidnapping</li> <li>• Mayhem (including mutilation of body part)</li> <li>• Sexual offenses of all kinds</li> <li>• Stalking</li> <li>• Unlawful detention</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violation of a protective order</li> <li>• Offenses against property (including criminal mischief)</li> <li>• Interruption of a communication device</li> <li>• Possession of a deadly weapon with intent to assault</li> <li>• Discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, near a highway, or in the direction of any person, building, or vehicle</li> <li>• Any other criminal offenses involving violence or physical harm (i.e., threat against life or property, elder abuse, witness tampering, etc.)</li> </ul> |
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#### Utah Code 77-36-2.1

This code applies to any criminal offense involving violence, physical harm, *threat* of violence or physical harm OR any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a criminal offense involving violence or physical harm by one cohabitant\* against another.

\*A cohabitant is anyone related by blood or marriage, or anyone who does or has ever lived together or had children together.

**Reporting requirements:** None, unless children are present in the home *or* if there is a “vulnerable adult” being harmed.

### CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 3 million children are at risk of exposure to parental violence each year.</li> <li>• Violence witnessed at home is often repeated later in life.</li> <li>• Often children know details of incidents that parents did not realize they witnessed.</li> <li>• The range of problems among children who witness violence include: anxiety, fear, sleep disorders,</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>school problems, delinquent behavior, and behavioral problems.</li> <li>• Children are afraid for their abused parent, feel helpless in preventing it, and sometimes blame themselves for causing the violence.</li> <li>• Children older than 5 or 6 tend to identify with the abuser and lose respect for the victim.</li> <li>• In one study, 27% of domestic violence homicide victims were children.</li> </ul> |
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#### **WHY DO VICTIMS STAY?**

- Love, loyalty, duty, responsibility, security, optimism, values (want two parents in home)
- Fear, pity, social/family pressure, guilt, denial, rescue complex, shame
- Economic security
- Identifies self with partner, low self-esteem, isolated
- DV culture is “normal”
- Danger in leaving

**NATIONAL AND UTAH STATE RESOURCES****National Hotline:** 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**Utah Hotline:** 1-800-897-LINK (5465)**Some Websites:**[www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)<http://www.vawnet.org>[www.udvc.org](http://www.udvc.org)[www.cdc.gov/injury](http://www.cdc.gov/injury)

(National DV hotline)

(Violence Against Women info.)

(Utah DV Coalition)

(Centers for Disease Control)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS**

Shelters provide domestic violence victim treatment (therapy and/or counseling for adults and children), help with protective orders, and referrals to other community resources. Local shelters are listed below.

County	Shelter Name	Phone (day or night)
Box Elder County	YCU—Your Community in Unity	435-723-5600
Cache County	CAPSA	435-753-2500
Weber County	YCC—Your Community Connection Of Ogden/Northern Utah	801-392-7273
Davis County	Safe Harbor	801-444-3191
Salt Lake County	YWCA	801-537-8600
Washington County	Dove Center	435-628-0458
Utah County	Center for Women and Children	801-377-5500
Iron County	Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Ctr	435-865-7443

Court ordered domestic violence treatment must be done at an agency *specifically licensed* to provide domestic violence treatment. Licensed providers are listed below.

**Therapy providers specifically licensed to provide domestic violence treatment for victims and perpetrators in Box Elder, Weber, Davis, and Cache Counties:**

AGENCY	OFFICE LOCATION	PHONE
ISAT	Box Elder, Weber, Davis Counties	801-773-2044
Family Institute Of Northern Utah	Cache County	435-752-1976
Professional Services	Weber/Davis Counties	801-621-3624
Weber Human Services	Weber/Davis Counties	801-625-3700
New Horizons	Weber/Davis Counties	801-392-6958
Family Connection Center	Davis County	801-773-0712
Positive Adjustment	Davis County	801-776-4628
Judicial Supervision Services	Davis County	801-486-8143

**Therapy providers specifically licensed to provide domestic violence treatment for victims and perpetrators in Salt Lake County:**

AGENCY	OFFICE LOCATION	PHONE
Cornerstone Counseling	Salt Lake City	801-355-2846
Family Abuse Center for Treatment	Taylorsville	801-293-9123
Valley Mental Health	Kearns	801-963-4200
Sandy Counseling Center	West Valley City	801-944-1666
Center for Family Development	Salt Lake City	801-466-8353
Family Counseling Center	Salt Lake City	801-261-3500
Intermountain Center for Cognitive Therapy	Murray	801-268-2887
ISAT	Salt Lake City	801-268-4454
Asian Association of Utah	Salt Lake City	801-467-6060

**Therapy providers specifically licensed to provide domestic violence treatment for victims and perpetrators in Iron, Washington, and Utah Counties:**

AGENCY	OFFICE LOCATION	PHONE
ISAT	Iron County	435-586-5966
ISAT	Utah County	801-373-0210
DCFS	Washington County	435-652-2960