

**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 COLORADO**

- In 2014, 16,700 people reported one or more domestic violence crimes to Colorado law enforcement. Many other domestic violence victims/survivors did not contact law enforcement.<sup>i</sup>
- 25 Coloradans were killed by former or current intimate partners in 2014; almost 70% of those were killed with guns.<sup>ii</sup>
- In 2014, 1,018 people in Colorado were abducted by current or former intimate partners. Over half were abducted by current or former dating partners.<sup>iii</sup>
- A 2014 survey of 78% of Colorado domestic violence programs found that on the day of the survey, participating programs reported serving 904 victims/survivors; 163 were turned away due to lack of resources.<sup>iv</sup>

- Approximately 325,000 Coloradans are stalked during their lifetimes.<sup>v</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>vi</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.<sup>vii</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>viii</sup>
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>ix</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>x</sup>

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
 Domestic Violence Initiative,  
 Denver

Colorado Anti-Violence Program,  
 Denver

Project Pave,  
 Denver

Project Safeguard,  
 Denver

SafeHouse Denver,  
 Denver

Servicios de La Raza,  
 Denver

2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
 Advocates for a Violence-Free  
 Community,  
 Hot Sulpher Springs

Advocates for Victims of Assault,  
 Dillon

Clear Creek County Advocates,  
 Georgetown

Crossroads Safe House,  
 Fort Collins

Estes Valley Victim Advocates,  
 Estes Park

Safehouse Progressive Alliance for  
 Nonviolence,  
 Boulder

3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
 Advocate Safehouse Project,  
 Glenwood Springs

Advocates Building Peaceful  
 Communities,  
 Steamboat Springs

Advocates of Lake County,  
 Leadville

Alternative Horizons,  
 Durango

**If you need help:**

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





## Domestic Violence in Colorado

Bright Future Foundation,  
Avon

Latimer House,  
Grand Junction

Project Hope of Gunnison Valley,  
Gunnison

Renew,  
Cortez

Response: Help for Survivors of  
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault,  
Aspen

Safehouse Inc.,  
Meeker

San Miguel Resource Center,  
Telluride

Southern Ute Victim Services,  
Ignacio

Southwest Safehouse – Volunteers of  
America,  
Durango

Tri-County Resource Center,  
Montrose

Tu Casa, Inc.,  
Alamosa

YWCA of Pueblo DV Services, Pueblo

4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
A Woman’s Place,  
Greeley

Advocates Against Domestic Assault,  
Trinidad

Alternatives to Violence,  
Loveland

Crisis Center,  
Castle Rock

Domestic Safety Resource Center,  
Lamar

Eastern Plains Safe Shelter,  
Hugo

Help for Abused Partners,  
Sterling

Longmont Ending Violence Initiative,  
Longmont

Safe Shelter at St. Vrain Valley,  
Longmont

S.H.A.R.E. Inc.,  
Fort Morgan

5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Alliance Against Domestic Violence,  
Salida

Family Crisis Services, Inc.,  
Canon City

Haseya Advocacy Program,  
Colorado Springs

Mountain Peace Shelter,  
Bailey

TESSA,  
Colorado Springs

6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
CHAI Jewish Community Resource on  
Domestic Violence,  
Denver

Gateway Battered Women’s Services,  
Denver

7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Arising Hope,  
Eastlake

But God Ministry,  
Arvada

Center of Hope,  
Lakewood

Deaf Overcoming Violence Through  
Empowerment,  
Denver

Family Tree Women in Crisis,  
Wheat Ridge

<sup>i</sup> Colorado Bureau of Investigations (2015). *2014 domestic violence report*. Retrieved from [http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k14/supplemental\\_reports/domestic.html](http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k14/supplemental_reports/domestic.html).

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid

<sup>iii</sup> Colorado Bureau of Investigations (2015). *2014 domestic violence report: kidnapping*. Retrieved from [http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k14/supplemental\\_reports/dvkidnapping.html](http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k14/supplemental_reports/dvkidnapping.html).

<sup>iv</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *'14 domestic violence counts Colorado summary*. Retrieved from <http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/CO.pdf>.

<sup>v</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2014). *The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey (NISVS): Detailed state tables*. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state\\_tables\\_73.html](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state_tables_73.html).

<sup>vi</sup> Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J., & Stevens, M. (2011). *The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey: 2010 summary report*. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs\\_report2010-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_report2010-a.pdf).

<sup>vii</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *2014 domestic violence counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services*. Retrieved from [http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14\\_NatlSummary\\_Color-2.pdf](http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatlSummary_Color-2.pdf).

<sup>viii</sup> Truman, J. & Morgan, R. (2014). *Nonfatal domestic violence, 2003-2012*. Retrieved from <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ndv0312.pdf>.

<sup>ix</sup> Campbell, J.C., Webster, D., Koziol-McLain, J., Block, C., Campbell, D., Curry, M. A., Gary, F., Glass, N., McFarlane, J., Sachs, C., Sharps, P., Ulrich, Y., Wilt, S., Manganello, J., Xu, X., Schollenberger, J., Frye, V., & Lauphon, K. (2003). Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: Results from a multisite case control study. *American Journal of Public Health, 93*(7), 1089-1097.

<sup>x</sup> Violence Policy Center. (2012). *American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf).

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