



## Domestic Violence in Wyoming

### 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 WYOMING

- In 2014, 2,592 domestic violence incidents were reported to law enforcement. Many other incidents went unreported. Although this number is comparatively small, it is important to recognize Wyoming is the least populous state in the nation.<sup>i</sup>
- 56% of reported incidents resulted in arrests.<sup>ii</sup>
- On a single day in 2014, Wyoming domestic violence programs served 279 victims.<sup>iii</sup>
- An estimated 20.6% of Wyoming women are stalked in their lifetimes.<sup>iv</sup>
- 10.3% of Wyoming high school students have reported being intentionally physically hurt by a dating partner in the past year.<sup>v</sup>
- Half of Wyoming domestic violence femicides are committed with firearms.<sup>vi</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>vii</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, an average of close to 15 calls every minute.<sup>viii</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>ix</sup>
- The presence of a gun in the home during a domestic violence incident increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>x</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>xi</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN WYOMING

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

SAFE Project  
Laramie

Carbon County  
COVE  
Rawlins

Crook County  
Family Violence  
and Sexual Assault  
Services  
Sundance

Fremont County  
Alliance  
Riverton

Big Horn County  
CARES  
Basin

Converse Cty.  
Coalition Against  
Violence-Douglas

Goshen County  
Task Force  
Torrington

#### If you need help:

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



Hot Springs County  
HOPE Agency -  
Thermopolis

Lincoln County  
Turning Point  
Kemmerer

Park County Crisis  
Intervention  
Services  
Cody

Sublette County  
SAFV Task Force  
Pinedale

Johnson County  
Family Crisis  
Center  
Buffalo

Natrona County  
Self Help Center  
Casper

Platte County  
Project SAFE  
Wheatland

Teton Cty. Comm.  
Safety Network  
Jackson

Safehouse  
Services  
Cheyenne

Niobrara County  
Helpmate  
Lusk

Sheridan County  
Advocacy and  
Resource Center  
Sheridan

Sexual Assault and  
Family Violence  
Task Force  
Evanston

FOCUS  
Newcastle

<sup>i</sup> Division of Criminal Investigation (2015). *Crime in Wyoming: 2015*. Retrieved from <https://docs.google.com/a/wyo.gov/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=d3lvLmdvdnXkY2ktLS1wdWJsaWN8Z3g6MjVIZWFmNTI0ZmQxOTljNg>.

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid.

<sup>iii</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\\_NatSummary\\_Color-2.pdf](http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/DVCounts14_NatSummary_Color-2.pdf).

<sup>iv</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2010). *The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey*. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state\\_tables\\_73.html](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state_tables_73.html).

<sup>v</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2013). *The national youth risk behavior survey 2011*. Retrieved from <https://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Results.aspx?TT=G&OUT=0&SID=HS&QID=QQ&LID=WY&YID=2013&LID2=XX&YID2=2013&COL=&ROW1=&ROW2=&HT=QQ&LCT=&FS=S1&FR=R1&FG=G1&FSL=&FRL=&FGL=&PV=&C1=WY2013&C2=XX2013&QP=G&DP=1&VA=CI&CS=N&SYID=&EYID=&SC=DEFAULT&SO=ASC&pf=1&TST=True>

<sup>vi</sup> Center for American Progress (2014). *Fact Sheet: Wyoming domestic violence and guns*. Retrieved from <https://cdn.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/CAP-DV-WY.pdf>.

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

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<sup>xi</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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