



## Domestic Violence in Montana

### 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 MONTANA

- On a single day in September 2014 in Montana, 238 domestic violence victims (122 children and 116 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.<sup>i</sup>
- In Montana, 163 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups on a single day in September 2014.<sup>ii</sup>
- There were 112 fatalities due to Intimate partner homicide in Montana from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2012.<sup>iii</sup>
- The number of simple assault offenses in 2011 (6,612) was 14.65 percent below the 10 year average of 7,747 offenses. More than half of all simple assaults were partner or family member assaults (51.21 percent) in 2010-2011. Yet, partner or family member assaults decreased by 2.85 percent in 2011 compared to 2010.<sup>iv</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>v</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 21,000 calls, approximately 15 calls every minute.<sup>vi</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>vii</sup>
- Having a gun in the home increases the risk of homicide by at least 500%.<sup>viii</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>ix</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN MONTANA

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

YWCA Missoula  
Missoula  
406.542.1944

Sanders County  
Coalition For Families  
Thompson Falls  
406.827.3218

Domestic and Sexual  
Violence Services  
Red Lodge  
406.446.2296

Cottonwood Commons  
Transition Home  
Deer Lodge  
406.846.9703

YWCA Billings  
Billings  
406.245.4472

The Abbie Shelter  
Kalispell  
406.752.4735

Lincoln County Crisis  
Solutions  
Libby  
406.293.3223

Tri-County Victim  
Witness Program  
Columbus  
406.322.8003

Safe Space, Inc  
Butte - 406.782.8511

#### **If you need help:**

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





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HAVEN Bozeman 406.586.7689	SAFE Hamilton 406.363.4600	DOVES Polson 406.883.3350	Mineral County Help Line Superior 406.822.4262
Women's Resource/Community Support Center Dillon 406.683.6106	Phillips County Domestic Violence Program Malta 406.654.2442	Billings Area Family Violence Task Force Billings 406.259.1233	ASPEN Livingston 406.222.5902
Help Center Bozeman 406.587.7511	Rosebud & Treasure County Victim Witness Program Forsyth 406.346.2237	Women's Resource Center of Glasgow Glasgow 406.228.8401	CASA CAN Children's Advocate Network Great Falls 406.454.6738
Missoula Crime Victim Advocate Program Missoula 406.258.3830	Healing Hearts Lame Deer 406.477.6412	Friendship Center Helena 406.442.6800	Safe Harbor Ronan 406.676.0800
Libby Community Interagencies Libby 406.293.3620	Richland City Coalition Against Domestic Violence Sidney 406.433.7421	Northeast Montana Victim, Witness Program Wolf Point 406.653.2999	Sanders County Coalition for Families Thompson Falls 406.827.3218
Voices of Hope Great Falls 406.771.8648	Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program Browning 406.338.2408	Mercy Home Great Falls 406.452.1315	Lincoln County Victim/Witness Program Libby 406.283.2415
SAVES Lewiston 406.535.2303		HiLines Help for Abused Spouses Conrad 406.278.3342	Powell County Victim- Witness Assistance Office Deer Lodge 406.846.9703

<sup>i</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/MT.pdf>.

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid

<sup>iii</sup> MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AND VICTIM SERVICES REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE: Montana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission. (2013). Retrieved from [http://www.ndvfri.org/reports/montana/Montana\\_Statewide\\_AnnualReport\\_2013.pdf](http://www.ndvfri.org/reports/montana/Montana_Statewide_AnnualReport_2013.pdf)

<sup>iv</sup> Crime in Montana 2010-2011 REPORT. (2012, October 1). Retrieved from <http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/publications/cim/CIM2010-11.pdf>

<sup>v</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).

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

<sup>viii</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>ix</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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