

After an attack, these are some things you need to do:

- Put an escape plan into action
- Take the children with you
- Get to a safe place
- Call the Police
- Get medical attention

Shelter

If you need a safe place, get to a shelter. If a friend or relative is unavailable to drive you to a shelter, call the Helpline 888-200-8426.

The shelters are in a hidden location for your safety and they will offer you emergency housing, short-term counseling and other information.

The Crawford County Domestic Abuse Task Force

We are a group of concerned citizens and professionals who want to help. We know that domestic violence is a major problem and that it hurts many families in our communities.

For More Information

If you have any questions about the Crawford County Domestic Abuse Program or are interested in support groups, please call the Domestic Abuse Program Coordinator weekdays Monday thru Thursday at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Prairie du Chien office at: 608-326-1616. Financial support for this program is provided by a grant from the State of Wisconsin Division of Community Services and local donations.

Domestic Abuse Support



Providing Help...Creating Hope

Catholic Charities

104 East Blackhawk Ave.
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Prairie du Chien, WI 53821



Phone: 608-326-1616
Fax: 608-326-7152
Helpline: 888-200-8426
Email: ljohanningmeier@cclse.org

Emergency Phone Numbers

Helpline	888-200-8426
To call for an advocate	608-326-1616
Prairie du Chien Police Dept.	608-326-2421
Crawford Co Sheriff's Dept.	608-326-8414
PDC Memorial Hospital ER	608-357-2222
Victim/Witness Coordinator	608-326-0299
Crawford Co Human Services	608-326-0248

Shelters

New Horizons, La Crosse	888-231-0066
Passages, Richland Center	800-236-4325



What is Domestic Violence?

The abuse, mental or physical, of one person by another person with whom the abused has a significant and intimate relationship.

Domestic Violence can occur in relationships
Whether the couple:

- Is living together or not living together
- Is married, divorced, separated or not married
- Has children or does not have children
- Is a heterosexual or homosexual couple

Domestic Violence can include any or all of the following categories:

- Physical – beating, hitting, shoving
- Verbal/Emotional – swearing, threats, humiliation, playing mind games
- Sexual – forcing sex or unwanted sexual acts
- Economic – having to ask for money, having money taken from you, being put on an allowance



How an advocate assists you

- Help you explore options such as shelter, counseling, a restraining order, refer you to community resources
- Assist you in making decisions about how to protect yourself
- Explain the limitations of the legal system and what is required of you
- Provide moral support and accompany you to the District Attorney's Office, Human Services and other agencies
- Assist you in finding ongoing support through groups working with battered women

The problem...

- Every 18 seconds a woman is beaten in the U.S.
- 50% of U.S. marriages contain some form of abuse
- 80% of abusers were raised in violent homes
- 40% of female homicides are committed by the male partner
- 25% of female suicide attempts result from domestic abuse
- 50% of injuries to women reported in emergency rooms resulted from abuse
- For every 1 beating reported, 6 to 10 go unreported

Do Something

Good For A Friend...

Support and help for your children

Children often suffer emotionally or psychologically from living in a home where there is violence. They may also be physically or sexually abused or at risk for abuse. Children may live in terror of violence because they see their mother hit or kicked or verbally abused.

Children who see their mothers beaten feel sorry for them, but children may also blame her for not defending herself or leaving.

If you are a victim, your children also need help. Talk to your advocate about how the violence has affected your children and how the children can be helped.

Crawford County Victim/Witness Coordinator Can Assist You:

- Help in petitioning the court for a domestic abuse restraining order.
- Court Escort in restraining order hearings and criminal court proceedings.
- Advise victims of their rights in domestic abuse criminal proceedings.
- Make referrals to other community resources for further needs.

Tell Her

She's Not Alone.