

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.

Crawford County Community Response Team

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.

Catholic Charities

104 East Blackhawk Ave.
P.O. Box 337
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Phone: 608-326-1616
Fax: 608-326-7152
Helpline: 888-200-8426
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Domestic Abuse Support



Providing Help...Creating Hope

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



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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...

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder suicides are female.
- Studies show that 3-4 million children between the ages of 3-17 are at risk of exposure to domestic violence each year. U.S. government statistics say that 95% of domestic violence cases involve women victims of male partners. The children of these women often witness the domestic violence.
- Approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse. Some estimates range as high as 5 million elders who are abused each year. Only 1 in 14 cases of abuse are reported to authorities
- The number of American troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012 was 5,488. The number of American women who were murdered by current or ex male partners during that time was 11,766.

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 who have experienced domestic violence often meet the diagnostic criteria for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the effects on their brain are similarly to those experienced by combat veterans

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.
- Connection with local support groups.