

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

IN THE UNITED STATES:



1 in 2 females



Report experiencing physical violence, contact sexual violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime

IN VIRGINIA IN 2022:

190,142 HOURS

OF

ADVOCACY SERVICES

WERE PROVIDED TO

19,560 ADULTS



34%



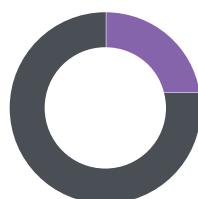
In the U.S. in 2021, 34% of all female homicides were committed by an intimate partner

241,641



Total nights of emergency shelter provided to adults and children by Virginia's domestic violence agencies

29%



Of all aggravated assaults in Virginia during 2022, 29% were committed by intimate partners

Domestic violence describes when an intimate partner attempts to gain and maintain control and power over another. It includes physical, emotional, financial, sexual, and psychological acts of abuse.



If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please contact
Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-838-8238 (24-hours/day, toll-free)
www.vsdvalliance.org



www.dcjs.virginia.gov

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41,691



Domestic violence hotline calls were received by Virginia's domestic violence agencies

Domestic violence can result in injury or death.

Survivors of domestic violence experience health issues, such as diabetes and hypertension at a higher rate, as well as anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder.



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Virginia Victim Assist Helpline

1-855-4-HELP-VA (855-443-5782)
<https://vanetwork.org>



Additional information is available from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Victims Services at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services

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