

HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

We are committed to promoting dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer community.

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Taking Action Against Abuse

QUESTION: “How do I know whether I should take action when I or someone I know is a victim of abuse?”

ANSWER: Whenever anyone, yourself included, is being abused, you need always to take some sort of action, even if it does not involve confronting the abuser. A safe rule of thumb is to never confront an abuser in a way or at a place that would put you in harm’s way.

- If you know *you are not* being led to confront, then do not feel guilty about not confronting, but you should still report the abuse.
- If you think you are to confront but it is not safe to do so alone, take someone with you who can keep the situation physically and emotionally safe for you. Generally speaking, there is safety in numbers.
- If someone is being abused and the person is powerless to stop the abuse, intervene on the person’s behalf. Either confront the abuser yourself, report the abuse to someone who can confront, or direct the victim to someone for counseling and protections.
- If the victim is a minor, the abuse must always be reported to legal authorities where required by law. Even if it is not required by law, it should still be reported.
- If the abused has not directly asked for your help, a good first step is to state simply and kindly that you are available should they ever need to talk or need anything else. This may be all they need to realize that someone cares and that they can find help.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Assault on a Woman’s Worth...by June Hunt

Are you in an abusive relationship?

Your inner thoughts and feelings

Do you:

- feel afraid of your partner much of the time?
- avoid certain topics out of fear of angering your partner?
- feel that you can't do anything right for your partner?
- believe that you deserve to be hurt or mistreated?
- wonder if you're the one who is crazy?
feel emotionally numb or helpless?

Your partner's belittling behavior

Does your partner:

- humiliate or yell at you?
- criticize you and put you down?
- treat you so badly that you're embarrassed for your friends or family to see?
- ignore or put down your opinions or accomplishments?
- blame you for their own abusive behavior?
see you as property or a sex object, rather than as a person?

Your partner's violent behavior or threats

Does your partner:

- have a bad and unpredictable temper?
- hurt you, or threaten to hurt or kill you?
- threaten to take your children away or harm them?
- threaten to commit suicide if you leave?
- force you to have sex?
- destroy your belongings?

Your partner's controlling behavior

Does your partner:

- act excessively jealous and possessive?
- control where you go or what you do?
- keep you from seeing your friends or family?
- limit your access to money, the phone, or the car?
constantly check up on you? [Help Guide](#)





NC Statistics on Domestic Violence

January 1 - October 16, 2017 (62 Homicides)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS: THE HORRIFIC REALITY

Research reveals partner abuse is more prevalent than you probably ever imagined.

Domestic violence is, in many ways, a quiet epidemic. Though in plain sight, victims are often invisible, fearfully denying their situation and hiding behind the facade of a happy home. But the statistics reveal a shocking reality. Every nine seconds, a woman in America is assaulted or beaten, according to the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#). A mind-boggling one in three women (and one in four men) has been a victim of physical brutality by an intimate partner, the group also reports. That makes [intimate partner violence](#) "the single greatest cause of injury to women," per the [Domestic Violence Intervention Program](#).

Hard to imagine the scope we're talking about? Consider this: The number of women killed by a current or former male partner added up to nearly *double* the soldier lives lost in war in Afghanistan and Iraq during the same 11-year time frame, [The Huffington Post](#) calculated last year.

"Domestic violence is an epidemic, no matter what statistic you look at, yet as a society we often close our eyes to it," Amy Sanchez, director of [Break The Cycle](#), an organization on the [NO MORE](#) steering committee, tells GoodHousekeeping.com. [READ MORE](#)

EVERY 9 SECONDS

IN THE US,
A WOMAN IS ASSAULTED OR BEATEN



*Hyde County Hotline's
7th Annual Event:
A Giddy-Up Gala*

November 18, 2017

Round Up & Silent Auction starting at 6 pm

Chow Time 7 pm

Tickets: \$55 Individual \$100 Couple

\$30 Young'uns 0-12

Cowboy Table \$800

(Seats 8 with Signage)

Sponsorship Levels \$500, \$700, \$1,000

Cowboy Hats and Boots Optional

Supper

Silent Auction

Live Auction

Mechanical Bull

Music by DJ JM

Fun for the Young'uns

Make Checks Payable to Hyde County Hotline

PO Box 335 Engelhard, NC 27824

Call 252-925-2502 for more information

OUR MISSION

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.



We love volunteers!
Please help and call Hyde
County Hotline
252-925-2502.



Nothing Compares



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