

# HYDE COUNTY HOTLINE, INC.

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

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### What is sexual *violence*?

**Any time someone forces another person to have sex, it is sexual violence. This is also called rape.**

- **Most people who are raped are women, but men can be raped, too.**
- **A woman can be raped by someone she knows ( acquaintance rape) or by a stranger ( stranger rape).**
- **Acquaintance rape is more common than stranger rape. The rapist is often a friend, relative or partner.**
- **Many women don't realize it's rape when someone they know forces them to have sex.**
- **Sexual violence also includes forced sexual touching, or trying to rape someone.**



**"Knowing the facts about sexual violence helps me take steps to be safer."**

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**January 1 -July 23, 2017 (46 Homicides)**

# How to recognize domestic violence

There may be signs that domestic violence is happening

A woman who is being battered may:

- Worry that her partner will be jealous
- Be afraid of his temper.
- Go along with anything he says or does.
- Avoid friends.
- Seldom be seen with him in public.
- Have a low self-esteem.
- Apologize a lot for his behavior.
- Let him make all the decisions.
- Drink heavily or use other drugs.



‘ I thought the violence was my fault’ Now I know that no one deserves to be battered.”

Women who suffer from Domestic Violence can get help.

**Hyde County Hotline**

**252-925-2500**

A man who is battering a woman may:

- Be very jealous.
- Have a bad temper.
- Have a hard time showing feelings other than anger.
- Sulk silently or go into a rage when upset.
- Threat to hurt her, himself or the children.
- Criticize, blame and put her down, often in front of others.
- Believe that women are not as good as men.
- Break things and/or abuse pets.
- Control all the money.
- Drink heavily or use other drugs and insist she join him.
- Throw things at the woman, or hit, shove or kick her.

**Battering won't go away.  
In fact, it usually gets worse  
with time. The woman must  
recognize the problem and  
seek help.**

**BREAKING THE SILENCE:**

**TRUE STORIES OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN GREENVILLE, NC**

## **I was a victim**

**A victim of rape  
A victim of rape by someone I knew  
and trusted, and he was a long time  
friend  
No one ever thinks that it can happen  
to them, but it can  
It happened to me**



**I was a victim  
It was a long journey back to sanity  
There were the nightmares  
The pain  
The sleepless nights  
The bouts of Depression  
The loss of friendships  
The loss of boyfriends  
The loss of trust in men  
I'm still on this journey**

**I was a victim  
Asking the questions of:  
"Why me?"  
"What did I do to deserve this?"  
"Will I ever be the same?"  
Finally the answers became clear,  
It wasn't my fault; I may never know why I was raped.  
But will I ever be the same?  
No, because I will never forget that night.  
But Yes, because I am stronger, I am wiser; and I am a Strong Black Woman!**

**I was a victim  
But now my good days outweigh the bad, and I put my trust in God to help  
me  
to be able to forgive and to help me make it from day to day.  
For now I am no longer a victim...  
I am a SURVIVOR!**



*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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