

Hyde County Hotline, Inc.

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24 Hour Crisis Line 252-926-5481

What can each of us do?

- ✓ Call the police if you see or hear evidence of domestic violence.
- ✓ Speak out publicly against domestic violence.
- ✓ Take action personally against domestic violence when a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend, or a family member is involved or being abused.
- ✓ Encourage your neighborhood watch or block association to become as concerned with watching out for domestic violence as with burglaries and other crimes.

Reach out to support someone whom you believe is a victim of domestic violence and/or talk with a person you believe is being abusive.

- ✓ Help others become informed, by inviting speakers to your church, professional organization, civic group, or workplace.
- ✓ Support domestic violence counseling programs and shelters.

Adapted from: "Preventing Domestic Violence" by Laura Crites in Prevention Communique, March 1992, Crime Prevention Division, Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii.

Our Mission

The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization 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.

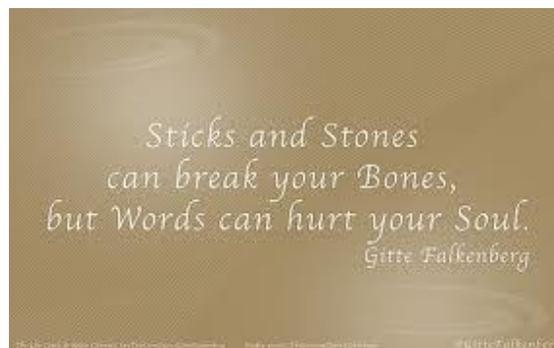
Abuse may take many forms...

Is your partner controlling or manipulative?
Does your partner have unpredictable mood swings?
Does your partner isolate you from family and friends?

Does your partner use force to get his/her way?
Is your partner verbally abusive?
Does your partner threaten violence?
Does your partner blame you when he/she mistreats you?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, domestic violence may be a problem in your relationship.

Call the Crisis Line for help 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We are here for you.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC from January 1 – December, 2011 - 73 Murders
www.nccadv.org **from January 1 – July 13, 2012 – 33 Murders**

Domestic violence kills 106 North Carolinians in 2011
Number of DV murders down slightly from last year, AG Roy Cooper says

“Domestic violence is dangerous crime that too often turns deadly,” Cooper said. “North Carolina must do more to get help to domestic violence victims before they become murder victims.”

Under a state law enacted in 2007, law enforcement agencies are required to report domestic violence related homicides yearly to the State Bureau of Investigation. This is the fourth year that statewide statistics have been reported.

Of the 2011 murders, 68 of the victims were female and 38 were male. The murders were committed by 81 male offenders and 25 female offenders.

Of the 106 victims of domestic violence murders last year, 13 had taken out protective orders and six of the protective orders were current when the victims were murdered. One of the offenders was reported to be on pre-trial release for a domestic violence crime when the murder was committed.

“The efforts of the Attorney General’s Office to track and maintain a database of domestic violence homicides in North Carolina is critical in understanding the devastating impact that domestic violence has across our state,” said NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Executive Director Beth Froehling. “This information will help inform the development of policies and laws to improve our response to domestic violence which will save lives. Our hearts go out to all of the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one to this horrific crime.”

[\[Read the complete report on domestic violence homicides in North Carolina in 2011.\]](#) To access this link, hold ctrl and click on the link.

www.nccadv.org also has more information about this topic.



The number of intimate partner homicides in the U. S. dropped by more than 60% from 1976 to 1998, with the largest drop for women who kill their partners (Rennison & Welchans, 2000). A study by Browne and Williams (1993) suggested that the decrease might be due to the increasing availability of domestic violence services for women.

Unfortunately, the rate of male-perpetrated intimate homicides has not decreased (Rennison & Welchans, 2000).



How you can help...

- **Donate to our Thrift Stores – call us for pick-up of large items
252-926-5481 (all donations are tax deductible)
- **Monetary donations are accepted
- **Ask us about presentations
- **Ask how we can help you
- ** Tell others about us
- **Learn to weave at Tapestry on Ocracoke