

Domestic Violence

*You have
a right
to be safe*

ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



24-HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINES

County Condado	Hotline number Teléfono de Emergencia	County Condado	Hotline number Teléfono de Emergencia
Adams	800-787-8106	Juniata	717-242-2444
Allegheny	888-299-4673	Lackawanna	570-346-4671
Allegheny	412-364-5556	Lancaster	717-299-1249
Allegheny	412-678-4616	Lawrence	724-652-9036
Allegheny	412-687-8005	Lebanon	866-686-0451
Armstrong	800-841-8881	Lehigh	610-437-3369
Beaver	877-629-1841	Luzerne	800-424-5600
Bedford	800-555-5671	Lycoming	800-326-8483
Berks	610-372-9540	McKean	888-822-6325
Español	610-372-7463	Mercer	888-981-1457
Blair	800-500-2849	Mifflin	717-242-2444
Bradford	911	Monroe	866-421-4200
Bucks	800-220-8116	Montgomery	800-642-3150
Butler	800-400-8551	Montgomery	800-773-2424
Cambria	800-999-7406	Montour	800-544-8293
Cameron	814-486-0952	Northampton	610-437-3369
Carbon	800-424-5600	Northumberland	800-850-7948
Centre	877-234-5050	Perry	800-852-2102
Chester	888-711-6270	Philadelphia	866-723-3014
Clarion	800-992-3039	Pike	570-296-4357
Clearfield	800-648-3381	Potter	814-274-0240
Clinton	570-748-9509	Schuylkill	800-282-0634
Columbia	800-544-8293	Snyder	800-850-7948
Crawford	888-881-0189	Somerset	800-999-7406
Cumberland	800-852-2102	Sullivan	800-894-3706
Dauphin	800-654-1211	Susquehanna	800-257-5765
Delaware	610-565-4590	Tioga	800-550-0447
Elk	814-772-1227	Union	800-850-7948
Erie	814-454-8161	Venango	800-243-4944
Erie	814-438-2675	Warren	800-338-3460
Fayette	724-439-9500	Washington	800-791-4000
Forest	800-338-3460	Wayne	800-698-4847
Franklin	800-621-6660	Westmoreland	888-832-2272
Fulton	800-621-6660	Wyoming	866-206-9050
Greene	800-791-4000	York	800-262-8444
Huntingdon	814-643-1190		
Indiana	800-435-7249		
Jefferson	800-648-3381		

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence occurs when someone in your household is harmed or threatened by another family member. The person doing the harm may be a partner, spouse, former spouse or anyone else you consider as part of your household. Domestic violence is hitting, hurting, threatening or making you afraid by following you or preventing you from moving around freely.

You and your family deserve to get free confidential help.



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Contact Your Local Domestic Violence Agency.

There are people in your community who can help. If you or someone you know is living with domestic violence, contact your local domestic violence agency listed in this brochure. Domestic violence agencies provide free shelter, counseling, legal services, safety planning, and other help. You can also contact your local legal services office to find out about your legal rights. Both domestic violence and legal service agencies provide services that are *free and confidential*.

Contact Your Welfare or Local County Assistance Office.

While you are not required to report domestic violence, you may want to talk to your caseworker to get help. After talking to your caseworker, you may be excused from some new welfare rules if following those rules puts you or your children in danger of domestic violence. Remember, any information you share with your caseworker about domestic violence is confidential. You must understand, however, that we are required by law to report child abuse to your local county Children and Youth Agency.

The following welfare rules may not apply to families living with domestic violence:

- **Work**
You may be temporarily excused from working, looking for work, going to school or attending job training if these activities put you or your child in danger of domestic violence.
- **Child Support**
You may be excused from some child support rules if giving information about the father of your child or going to court for child support puts you and your family in danger. You also may be excused from identifying the father of your child if your child was born because you were raped or abused.
- **Teen Parents**
If you are an unmarried parent under the age of 18, you may not be required to live with your parent or another adult, if living with that person is dangerous to you or your child.
- **Time Limits**
You may be excused from certain cash assistance time limits.

We understand that talking about domestic violence is very personal. If you want to tell us about abuse, ask to speak to your caseworker in private.

You can tell your caseworker about domestic violence at any time, even if you may find it difficult to talk about it now. It's important to get help. Even if you tell your caseworker about domestic violence at a later date, you may still be excused from certain welfare rules at that time.

PLEASE CALL 911 IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER!