

# Domestic Violence

*You have  
a right  
to be safe*

## **WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?**

Domestic Violence occurs when someone in your household is harmed or threatened by another family member or part of your household. Domestic violence is hitting, hurting, threatening or making you afraid by following you or preventing you from moving around freely.

## **Contact your local welfare office.**

While you are not required to report domestic violence, you may want to talk to your caseworker to get help. You may be excused from some new welfare rules if following them puts you or your children in danger. The welfare office can help you if you are unable to follow certain rules because of Domestic Violence. Talk to your caseworker at any time if you need help. Any information you share with your caseworker about domestic violence is confidential, however, we are required by law to report child abuse to the local Children and Youth Agency.

## **The following welfare rules may not apply in domestic violence situations:**

**WORK:** You may be temporarily excused from work activities if participating in these activities put you or your children in danger.

**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 in danger. You may also be excused from identifying the father 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.

Local Domestic Violence agencies provide free and confidential counseling, shelter, legal services and safety planning. Their numbers are on the back of this card.

**PLEASE CALL 911 IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER!**



## 24-HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINES

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



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