

Domestic Violence

You have
a right
to be safe

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



24-HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINES

County Condado	Hotline number Teléfono de Emergencia	County Condado	Hotline number Teléfono de Emergencia
Adams	Hotline Number Below	Lackawanna	Hotline Number Below
Allegheny	Hotline Number Below	Lancaster	Hotline Number Below
Armstrong	724-548-8888	Lawrence	Hotline Number Below
Beaver	877-629-1841	Lebanon	866-686-0451
Bedford	814-623-7664	Lehigh	877-438-4957
Berks	Hotline Number Below	Luzerne	570-823-7312
Blair	814-944-3585	Lycoming	570-323-8167
Bradford	Hotline Number Below	McKean	814-368-6325
Bucks	Hotline Number Below	Mercer	724-981-1457
Butler	724-776-6790	Mifflin	888-810-2444
Cambria	814-536-5361	Monroe	866-421-4200
Cameron	800-226-4759	Montgomery	215-643-3150
Carbon	Hotline Number Below	Montour	Hotline Number Below
Centre	Hotline Number Below	Northampton	877-438-4957
Chester	610-431-1430	Northumberland	570-644-4488
Clarion	Hotline Number Below	Perry	Hotline Number Below
Clearfield	Hotline Number Below	Philadelphia	Hotline Number Below
Clinton	Hotline Number Below	Pike	877-296-7878
Columbia	Hotline Number Below	Potter	877-334-3136
Crawford	814-333-9766	Schuylkill	570-622-6220
Cumberland	717-258-4249	Snyder	570-523-6482
Dauphin	717-238-7273	Somerset	Hotline Number Below
Delaware	Hotline Number Below	Sullivan	570-946-4215
Elk	800-226-4759	Susquehanna	Hotline Number Below
Erie	Hotline Number Below	Tioga	Hotline Number Below
Fayette	800-791-4000	Union	570-523-6482
Forest	Hotline Number Below	Venango	800-243-4944
Franklin	717-264-4444	Venango	814-677-7273
Fulton	Hotline Number Below	Warren	814-726-1030
Greene	Hotline Number Below	Washington	724-223-9190
Huntingdon	Hotline Number Below	Wayne	570-253-4401
Indiana	724-349-4444	Westmoreland	724-836-1122
Jefferson	Hotline Number Below	Wyoming	866-206-9050
Juniata	888-810-2444	York	717-846-5400

National Domestic Violence Hotline Number
1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224

Calling the National Hotline number will connect you directly to your local program hotline.

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!