

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In the United States:



Report experiencing extreme physical violence from an intimate partner during their lifetime

IN VIRGINIA IN 2021

207,108
HOURS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY SERVICES WERE PROVIDED TO 20,579 ADULTS

19%



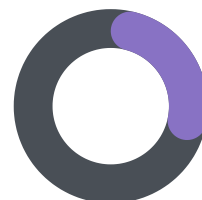
In the U.S., 19% of all violent crime victims were domestic violence victims

237,938



Total nights of emergency shelter provided to adults and children by Virginia's domestic violence agencies

32%



Of all aggravated assaults in Virginia during 2021, 32% were committed by intimate partners

Domestic violence describes when an intimate partner attempts to gain and maintain control and power over another. It includes physical, emotional, financial, sexual, and psychological acts of abuse



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41,749

Domestic violence hotline calls were received by Virginia's domestic violence agencies

Domestic violence can result in injury or death. Survivors of domestic violence experience health issues, such as diabetes and hypertension at a higher rate, as well as anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder



If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please contact:

Virginia Family Violence & Sexual
Assault Hotline
1-800-838-8238 (24-hours/day, toll-
free)
www.vsdvalliance.org

Virginia Victim Assist Helpline
1-855-4-HELP-VA (855-443-5782)
<https://vanetwork.org>



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