

- For information regarding the availability of medical services, contact Carolinas Medical Center Union, 600 Hospital Drive, Monroe, NC (704) 283-3100
- For information regarding the availability of crime victim's compensation funds and the opportunity for pretrial release of the accused, contact the Victim Assistance Program at the Union County District Attorney's Office at (704) 296-3246
- To inquire if an arrest has been made or if the accused is still in custody or you are being threatened or intimidated in reference to a case, contact the Monroe Police Department Criminal Analyst (704)282-4744. Call 911 if you feel you are in immediate danger.
- For victim/witness assistance you may call (704) 282-4700 24 hours per day, or 911 for emergencies
- For information on the status of a case, contact the Union County District Attorney's Office at (704) 296-3246
- For local jail information, contact the Union County Jail at (704) 283-3641
- For North Carolina State inmate information, contact the State Automated Victim's Assistance Network (SAVAN) at 1-877-627-2826 or www.ncsavan.org
- Battered Women's Shelter (704) 283-7233
- Substance Abuse Services; Daymark Recovery Services, Inc. (704) 296-6200
- Rape Crisis Center (704) 283-7770

Constitutional Rights of Crime Victims

In 1996, North Carolina voters approved an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution to give specific rights, as prescribed by law, to eligible crime victims.

The rights are as follows:

- The right to be informed of and to be present at court proceedings of the accused.
- The right to be heard at the sentencing of the accused and at other times as prescribed by law or deemed appropriate by the court.
- The right to receive restitution.
- The right to be given information about the crime, how the criminal justice system works, the rights of victims, and the availability of services for victims.
- The right to receive information about the conviction or final disposition and sentence of the accused.
- The right to receive notification of any escape, release, proposed parole or pardon of the accused, or notice of a reprieve or commutation of the accused.
- The right to present their views and concerns to the Governor or agency considering any action that could result in the release of the accused, prior to such action becoming effective.
- The right to confer with the prosecution

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"You Are Never Alone...."

Domestic Violence Information

The Monroe Police Department realizes that domestic violence is a serious problem within the community and we are committed to providing an appropriate, effective and professional police response in order for individuals to feel and be safe from such violence. Domestic violence is not the sole responsibility of the Monroe Police Department. Many organizations, both government and non-government, have an important part to play in response to, and in the prevention of, domestic violence in the community.

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704-282-4700

If you or someone you know is frightened about something in a relationship, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE
1800-799-7233
Translators are available

Domestic violence isn't a private matter.

It is a serious crime. It can include physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional abuse. You can be a victim of domestic violence no matter how old you are, what type of education you have, how much money you have, or what your religious beliefs may be.

Domestic violence is usually not a single event.

It often becomes more severe and frequent over time. Many batterers are not violent in other relationships, such as work or with friends. They routinely deny the domestic violence and the severity of that violence. When confronted with their abusive behavior, they tend to blame their partner for provoking it or refuse to accept responsibility for it.

Domestic violence victims suffer physical injuries that endanger their health.

And it may result in lifelong disabilities. These injuries may interfere with job performance and result in dismissal. Besides physical violence, abusers may use emotional and verbal abuse, isolation, and threats to maintain power and control over their partners. Threats, whether of violence, suicide, or taking away children, are a very common tactic used by batterers.

The emotional effects of domestic violence can often be more devastating than the physical assaults.

Victims may lose touch with friends and family due to abusers' attempts to isolate them. As a victim's support system breaks down, so does his or her self-esteem.

Domestic violence affects every family member, even if he or she has not been abused. The most difficult step for you to take is to admit that you are being or have been abused by your partner. Remember, your partner's violence is the problem, not you. You do not provoke it. You do not deserve it.

You may feel trapped, alone, and that you have lost control of your life.

You may have nightmares or flashbacks of abusive incidents. Your eating and sleeping habits may change. You may feel depressed or hopeless and lack interest in things you once enjoyed. The physical and emotional suffering you experience may seem to use up all the energy you have.

Your safety is the first priority.

Only you can truly judge what will be the safest and best way to handle your situation. If you are being abused, you should consider all options when trying to find a way to end the violence as safely as possible.

Every person in an abusive relationship needs a safety plan that has been developed for that person's situation and circumstances. Domestic violence shelters and advocates can help you develop one for your situation. If you feel it is safe, let trusted friends and family know about your situation. They can be part of your safety plan. Know where to get help. Tell someone what is happening to you.



SAFETY PLAN

Checklist of items to take with you if you leave your home to escape a domestic violence situation. Do not remain to collect these items if it is not safe.

- *Cash in case bank accounts are cancelled by abuser
- *Money, bankbooks, credit cards
- *Identification
- *Birth certificates for you and children
- *Social Security cards
- *School and medical records
- *Keys - house/car/office
- *Driver's license and registration
- *Medications
- *Change of clothes
- *Welfare identification
- *Passport(s), Green Card(s), work permits
- *Divorce/Legal papers
- *Lease/rental agreement, house deed
- *Mortgage payment book, current unpaid bills
- *Insurance papers
- *Address book
- *Pictures, jewelry, items of sentimental value
- *Children's favorite toys and/or blankets