

YOU CAN GET HELP

Interpersonal violence happens to people of all races, cultures, incomes, and education levels. It can happen on a first date, or when you are deeply in love. It can happen whether you are young or old, and in heterosexual or same-sex relationships. Interpersonal violence is always wrong, and you can get help. Interpersonal violence includes:

Domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence (IPV), is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, or financial abuse (using money and financial tools to exert control) perpetrated by a spouse, former spouse, live-in partner, former live-in partner or the other parent of a child in common.

Dating violence occurs when one person purposely hurts or scares someone they are dating. Dating violence includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

Sexual violence is any type of sexual activity that a person does not agree to with express consent, which can be verbal, visual, or physical. It is perpetrated in many ways including but not limited to: rape, intimate contact without consent such as child molestation, sex with an intoxicated person, groping or unwanted sexual touching, stalking, verbal coercion, harassment, or forcing a person to perform sexual acts such as oral sex or penetrating the perpetrator's body. Sexual violence may be committed by acquaintances, friends, family members, or strangers.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior that makes you feel afraid, nervous, harassed, or in danger. It is when someone repeatedly contacts you, follows you, sends you things, talks to you when you don't want them to, or threatens you. You can be stalked by someone you know casually, a stranger, a past or current friend, a boyfriend or girlfriend, or a current or former partner or spouse.

Domestic Violence

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Survivors come from all walks of life. They may be of any sex, class, background, race, religion, or sexual orientation. In addition to providing a safe, secure environment for victims/survivors and their children, Women's Crisis Center's domestic violence program offers a variety of supportive services to both shelter residents and non-residential participants.

Sexual Assault

Perpetrators sexually assault nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men in Kentucky. LGBTQ and minorities report an even higher prevalence of sexual violence. Women's Crisis Center offers support services for individuals who experience sexual violence. Services are available to both children and adults regardless of when the sexual assault occurred.

Women's Crisis Center Services

- 24-hour Hotline & Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Safe Shelter
- Hospital Advocacy / Accompaniment
- Counseling
- Legal Advocacy / Accompaniment
- Multi-Cultural/Multi-Lingual Advocacy
- Financial Literacy
- Education & Support Groups
- Pet Protection
- Information and referrals for other needs

**All WCC Services are available
Confidentially and Free.**