

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



UTAH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN UTAH¹

- Domestic violence is one of the fastest growing and most serious violent crimes in Utah today.
- Of the 5,417 clients served by domestic violence shelters in Utah, 2,538 were women, 2,904 were children and 29 were men.
- In 2004, 23 individuals were murdered in Utah were domestic violence related homicides.
- In 2003, 25% of all homicides in Utah were domestic violence homicides.
- Between July 2003 and July 2004, there were 6,027 allegations of domestic violence related child abuse.

UTAH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL²

- The Utah Domestic Violence Council aims to lead a collaborative, statewide effort to eliminate domestic violence.
- In addition to its fourteen working committees, the council also works with and provides funding for 23 local domestic violence coalitions.

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN UTAH

- The Utah Office of the Guardian ad Litem reports that one in three girls and one in five boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18.³
- Utah is 15th highest in the nation for rape according to the 2000 FBI uniform reports.⁴
- According to a 2004 study of sexual violence in Utah, the victim and offender were acquaintances in 34.3% of rapes.⁵
- Same sex offenses made up 17.6% of all offenses included in a 2004 report on sexual violence conducted by the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.⁶
- Rape is the only category of violent crime for which Utah's rate exceeds the national average.⁷
- According to a survey of Utah women, 86.2% of victims experience their first sexual assault before their 18th birthday.⁸

CHALLENGES

- Domestic violence, one of Utah's fastest growing violent crimes, is becoming more aggressive and brutal. The state must continue to evaluate its domestic violence services to address these changes.
- Home to five major American Indian tribes, Utah must continue to identify and address the domestic violence needs of its tribal communities in addition to other underserved populations in the state.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and wants help, please contact the **Statewide Domestic Violence Linkline at 1-800-897-LINK**, the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.

UTAH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT⁹

1ST DISTRICT

YWCA of Box Elder County
Brigham City
(435) 723-5600

Peace House
Park City
(435) 647-9161

Community Abuse Prevention
Services Agency (CAPSA)
Logan
(435) 752-4493
(735) 753-2500 Hotline

Women in Jeopardy Program YWCA
Salt Lake City
(801) 355-2804

YCC of Ogden/Northern Utah
Ogden
(801) 392-7273

Tooele County Women's Shelter,
Pathways
Tooele
(435) 843-1645
(801) 833-5515

2ND DISTRICT

Gentle Ironhawk Shelter
Blanding
(435) 678-2445
(866) 206-0379 Hotline

Coleen Quigley Women's Center
Price
(435) 637-6589

Women's Crisis Shelter
Vernal
(435) 781-4250
(435) 790-4607 Hotline

Canyon Creek Women's Crisis
Center
Cedar City
(435) 867-9411
(435) 865-7443 Hotline

Dove Center
St. George
(435) 628-1204
(435) 628-0458 Hotline

Seekhaven
Moab
(435) 259-2229

The Center for Women & Children in
Crisis
Provo
(801) 374-9351
(801) 377-5500 Hotline

3RD DISTRICT

New Horizons Crisis Center
Richfield
(435) 896-9294
(800) 343-6302 Hotline

South Valley Sanctuary
West Jordan
(801) 255-1095

SOURCES

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² Utah Domestic Violence Council. www.udvac.org.

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^{5, 6} Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. "Sexual Violence In Utah 2004." <http://www.justice.utah.gov/Research/SexOffender/SexualViolence2005.pdf>.

^{7, 8} Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. "Rape in Utah." <http://www.justice.utah.gov/Research/Crime/RapeInUtah.pdf>.

⁹ 2004 National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. For a copy of this directory, please contact the main office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at P.O. Box 18749, Denver, CO 80218, (303) 839-1852.