

A Cycle that can be broken . . .

You don't have to live in a violent home or relationship.

The Community Crisis Center is a place where the cycle of domestic violence can be interrupted through guidance and support.

We offer emergency shelter, counseling, and guidance in getting legal and other help for victims of domestic violence.

Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All services are free, confidential and available without discrimination as to race, color, religion, gender or national origin.

The Community Crisis Center is a member of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a network of people and programs improving communities by helping break the cycle of violence.

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24-hour Crisis Line
847-697-2380

TTY 847-742-4057
Ayuda en español
847-697-9740

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Community Education

Members of our staff, together with trained volunteers, are available to community schools, clubs, agencies and organizations to discuss the Center's programs. Films, videos, lectures and discussions about family violence are also available.

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Are you afraid of someone you love?

Is your spouse or partner

- controlling you?
- isolating you from people or activities?
- blaming you for his or her problems?
- unable to handle frustration?
- making you feel like you are crazy?
- destructive when angry?
- expecting you to do as you are told?
- abusive to children or past partners?
- cruel to animals?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, we want to help.

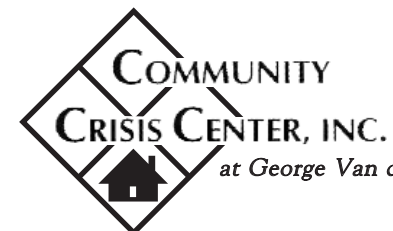


No one
deserves
to be
abused



*Do you know
someone who is living
in a violent home?*

*Domestic violence is a
cycle that can be broken.*



at George Van de Voorde Place

OUR MISSION

To advocate for a healthy, non-violent environment for all people by providing information, resources and the support necessary to help them move through crisis to the development and pursuit of their own goals.

Domestic Violence cannot be justified

No one deserves to be beaten or abused. Domestic violence is the physical, emotional, verbal or sexual abuse of an intimate partner or family member. It is against the law.

At least 94% of all domestic violence cases involve a man beating a woman.

Domestic violence is the most frequent cause of injury to women.

More than 40% of women murdered in the United States are killed by their husbands or partners, usually after being abused by those men for years.

Apologies from an abuser don't mean the violence will stop.

Violence in the home usually becomes more frequent and severe over time.

Children who grow up in violent homes come to believe that violence is normal and that it is an acceptable way to control someone.

Nearly 80% of violent offenders grew up in violent homes.

Stop the violence

If someone you know is living in a violent home or relationship, call the Community Crisis Center now. Help is available 24 hours a day on our Crisis Line 847-697-2380.

Change is possible but it takes action.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

In 1986, Illinois lawmakers united our communities, courts and law enforcement agencies with a law to protect families from violence in their homes. The law clearly recognizes that abusing a family or household member is a crime that cannot be ignored.

Legal remedies are available through criminal and civil court action to stop abuse. One option available is an order of protection. A judge can order an abuser to stop the violence and to stay away from victims or their home.

A judge can also give victims temporary custody of children involved, protect victims' property and order the confiscation of weapons from an abuser.

Crisis Line & Emergency Shelter

Support, information and emergency shelter are available 24 hours a day, every day, by calling 847-697-2380.

Counseling and Support Groups

Support groups and one-on-one counseling are available for women and men victims.

Advocacy

Advocates support victims through the criminal and civil justice systems, and assist in filing police reports and obtaining an order of protection.

A Network of Services

Victims get the help they need through referrals to other agencies and community services.

Illinois' Domestic Violence Act aims to protect people from physical, emotional or verbal abuse or threat of violence when they are:

- In a dating relationship,
- Family members through birth or marriage,
- Married, divorced or separated couples living together or separately,
- Couples with children in common,
- Elderly and/or disabled people.

An order of protection can be obtained with assistance from a state's attorney in criminal court in conjunction with criminal charges. In civil court, a victim can represent herself or himself, or be represented by an attorney to obtain one.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Safety Plan

Counselors help victims make a plan to reduce risk for further abuse.

For children exposed to the abusive relationship we offer:

- Group experiences to encourage non-violent problem solving.
- One-on-one time with children to affirm their self worth,
- Parenting groups to encourage positive parenting and non-violent discipline.

For abusers

Treatment groups and information are available on issues of power and control, the cycle of violence, choices and behavior, and managing stress, anger and frustration.