

RDVIC provides services to victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Child Abuse, and Incest

Mission Statement

To provide a community based comprehensive service that advocates for the equal rights of all individuals to have control of their lives without violence.

Empowers Survive Thrive

Services include:

Temporary Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Crisis Hotline 304-292-5100

Counseling

Referrals: Linking victims with other agencies for help with financial assistance, housing, job training, legal services, and other services.

Support Groups: Providing weekly domestic violence groups, bi-weekly incest survivor groups and additional groups as needed. Childcare, tutoring or children's groups may be available during support groups.

Advocacy: Promoting victim safety and understanding at the hospital, police station, court, social service agencies and elsewhere through emotional support and education.

Volunteers

RDVIC volunteers assist in answering the Hotline and provide advocacy to victims.

If interested in volunteering call

RDVIC at
304-292-5100
or e-mail

RDVIC99@Earthlink.net.

Community Education

RDVIC implements educational and training programs to increase awareness and promote prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, child sexual abuse and incest.

Services are confidential and free.

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The Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center
An Agency Against Violence

304-292-5100

24 Hour Hotline

Serving

Monongalia, Preston and Taylor Counties

Monongalia 304-292-5100

Preston 304-329-1687

Taylor 304-265-6534

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Sexual Assault

is any unwanted sexual contact.

If you have just been sexually assaulted, what should you do?

Do NOT bathe, change your clothes, comb your hair, wipe after urination or douche.

- Valuable DNA evidence on your body or clothing may help identify the rapist. Place all clothing in a paper bag.

- If you feel you may have been drugged prior to the assault, it is important to save your first urine in a clean container. Take it with you to the hospital for drug testing.

Go to a safe place.

Get help immediately.

- Call 911.
- Call RDVIC at 304-292-5100.

Tell someone.

- Talk to a trusted friend, spouse, parent or relative.

Go to a hospital emergency room.

- Get a medical exam. You may have suffered internal injuries, contracted a sexually transmitted disease or become pregnant.
- Call the local rape crisis help center. An RDVIC advocate is trained to help you understand your medical and legal options and provide emotional support.

If you report the sexual assault, do you have to prosecute?

It is up to the Prosecuting Attorney whether to move forward with the prosecution of a case. Reporting the crime does not mean your name will be in the paper. Reporting the crime is up to you unless you are under 18 years of age.

Domestic Violence

is a pattern of behavior used by one person in a relationship to maintain power and control.

Warning Signs

Avoid the following negative behaviors:

Jealousy:
Wants to be with you constantly.

Controlling:
Decides what you do and with whom you spend time.

Quick Involvement:
Claims love at first sight.

Unfair Expectations:
Expects you to be available all the time.

Isolation:
Discourages you from spending time with family & friends.

Force Used In Sex:
Does not respect your boundaries.

Verbal Abuse:
Puts you down.

History of Violence:
Abusive to partners in previous relationships.

Threats of Violence:
Breaks objects or strikes you to cause fear.

Force used during an argument:
Physical contact or yelling during an argument.

Safety Plan

Safety during a violent incident:

- Practice how to get out of your home safely.
- Keep purse and car keys readily available.
- Teach children how to use the telephone to contact 911.

Safety when preparing to leave:

- Open a savings account to increase independence.
- Rehearse an escape plan.
- Practice it with your children.

Safety with a Family Protection Order:

- Keep your protection order on or near you at all times.
- DVPO's are registered with the 911 Center.
- Inform your employer, minister, closest friends and relatives that you have a protection order in effect. Show them pictures of the abuser.
- Ask for help screening telephone calls at work.
- Call police immediately if order is violated.

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Items to consider having with you:

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| Identification | House Deed |
| Money | Work Permits |
| Checkbook | Divorce Papers |
| Bank Books | Medical Records |
| ATM/Credit Cards | Insurance Papers |
| Social Security Cards | Mortgage Payment |
| Birth Certificates | House and Car Keys |
| School Records | Vaccination Records |
| Medication | Welfare Identification |
| Green Card | Lease or Rental Agreements |
| Passport(s) | Driver's License and Registration |

