

Services Offered:

Emergency Response and Crisis Intervention Services

The advocate responds to the scene of a domestic violence or sexual assault incident with the police based on individual needs of the victims. The advocate offers immediate crisis counseling support and referrals.

Information How to Obtain a Restraining Order or a Domestic Violence Injunction

The advocate supports and assists victims in the criminal justice system with obtaining a restraining order.

Referrals and Support for Victims

The advocate respects victim's needs and refers victims to support groups, individual counseling, shelter or other community resources.

Transportation

The advocate will offer transportation for victims in need of medical treatment or obtaining a restraining order. Transportation is based on individual needs.

Ongoing Case Management

The advocate develops rapport with victims and stays in contact with victims based on their individual needs.

WISH– Women Initiate Self-healing & Hope Domestic Violence Support group

The WISH support group meets once a week on Wednesday from 5:30 –7:00 pm. Call **414-302-8065** for information and the location. All services are free and confidential.

Important Numbers

Police

911

Sojourner Family Peace Center

414-276-1911

24– Hour Domestic Violence Hotline

414-933-2722

Milwaukee Women's Center Refuge

414-671-6140

Sexual Assault Treatment Center

414-219-5555

The Healing Center (Sexual Abuse)

414-671-4325

Family Service of Milwaukee

414-342-4560

Suicide Prevention Crisis Line

414-257-7222

Milwaukee County Jail

414-226-7070

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Domestic Violence Unit

414-278-4792

Sensitive Crimes unit



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Victim Advocate Program



**Crisis Intervention Services
for Victims of Domestic
Violence and Sexual Assaults**

If you need help or for information call

414-302-8065

The Victim Advocate Program and WISH Support Group

The City of West Allis has the second highest number of domestic violence incidents in Milwaukee County. West Allis averages approximately 620 Domestic Violence incidents per year. Domestic Violence is a serious problem and the West Allis Police Department provides a Victim Advocate Program.

The Victim Advocate works with victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault survivors offering crisis intervention and support services. The goal of the program is to offer victims support, encouragement, and empower victims to break free from the cycle of violence. The Victim Advocate focuses on the needs of the victim with respect, dignity, and care. The advocate assists victims through the criminal justice process, obtaining a restraining order, and provides referrals.



The West Allis **WISH** (Women Initiate Self-healing and Hope) is a domestic violence support group. The **WISH** support group provides emotional support for women as they work through the effects of abuse and encourages personal growth in all areas of life. The group provides support, education, and empowerment for women who are in or have been in an abusive relationship. **WISH** provides a safe place to learn about the cycle of violence, gain self-awareness, and heal.

What is Domestic Violence?



Domestic Violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. Domestic Violence is the most common form of violence. Domestic Violence is not limited to physical battering that results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and sometimes death. The impact of Domestic Violence on individuals, families, and the community is long lasting.

Do You Know ?

- * 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- * 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- * Females who are 20 –24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- * Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between ages 15 and 44 in the United States - more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.

What is Sexual Assault?



Sexual Assault is a violent act using sex as a way to gain power and control over someone else. Sexual violence occurs anytime a person is forced, coerced and/or manipulated into unwanted sexual activity. Sexual Assault has many forms including rape and attempted rape, statutory rape, date and acquaintance rape, as well as any unwanted sexual contact or threats. Whatever the circumstances, no one asks or deserves to be sexually assaulted.

Do You Know ?

- * 1 in 4 females and 1 in 6 males are sexually assaulted before the age of 18.
- * 90% of the offenders are known to the victims.
- * 58% of assaults take place in the victim's or offender's home.
- * Every 2 minutes someone somewhere in America is sexually violated.
- * 60% of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.