

Signs of Domestic Violence

Batterers use a combination of the following tactics to gain and maintain power and control over the victim. Batterers often choose the circumstances of their violence, including the amount of injury inflicted by their acts. Batterers bear sole responsibility for their actions.

Using coercion and threats: Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt her; threatening to leave her; to commit suicide, to report her to welfare; making her drop charges or not testify; making her do illegal things

Using intimidation: Making her afraid by using looks, actions, gestures; destroying her property; abusing pets; displaying weapons

Using emotional abuse: Putting her down; calling her names; making her think she's crazy; playing mind games; humiliating her; making her feel bad about herself; making her feel guilty

Using isolation: Controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to, what she reads, where she goes; limiting her outside involvement; using jealousy to justify actions

Using children: Making her feel guilty about the children; using the children to relay messages; using visitation to harass her; threatening to take the children away

Using economic abuse: Preventing her from getting or keeping a job; making her ask for money; giving her an allowance; taking her money; not letting her know about or have access to family income

Minimizing, denying, blaming: Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns about it seriously; saying the abuse didn't happen; shifting responsibility for abusive behavior; saying she caused the abuse

Considerations for Safety Planning

Staying:

- Access to transportation
- Access to communication with friends and family
- Access to a "safe" place in your home
- Access to local resources for support groups

Leaving:

- Threats to severely injure or kill her or her children if she leaves
- Lack of affordable housing
- Loss of economic resources
- Batterer promises that he will change
- Cultural, societal or religious beliefs about marriage, families and children
- Concerns about children having two parents in the home
- Immigration issues

For Support, contact the following:

The domestic violence program nearest you (see map),

Kansas Statewide Hotline
888-END ABUSE (363-2287) or

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-SAFE (7233).

For more information, contact the following:

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
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for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and their children

Definition

Domestic violence (battering) is a pattern of abusive and coercive behavior used to gain power and control over an intimate partner, former partner or family member. Domestic violence perpetrators (batterers) use a variety of legal and illegal tactics to establish a system of dominance known as power and control.

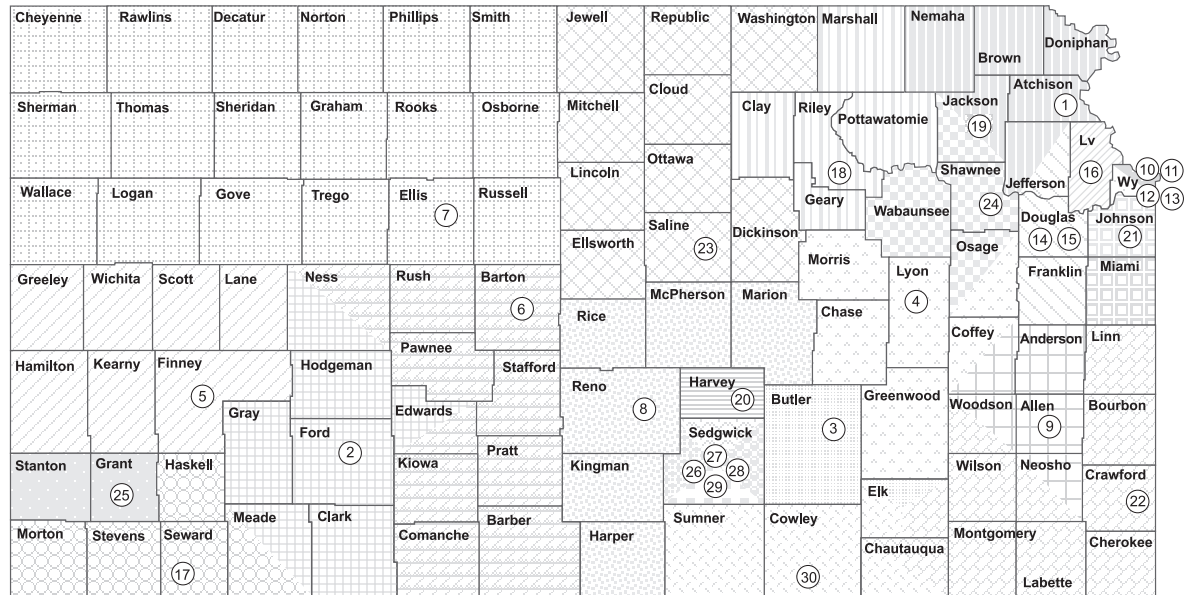
Domestic violence affects all communities, socio-economic levels and sexual orientations. The Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and many academic leaders have identified domestic violence as a major criminal justice, health care and social issue.

According to the National Institute for Justice, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, women are at significantly greater risk of domestic violence than men.

Types of Violence Associated with Domestic Violence

- Sexual Violence
- Physical Violence
- Emotional and Verbal Violence
- Economic Violence

Kansas Sexual and Domestic Violence Programs



1. Atchison	DoVES	800-367-7075 or 913-367-0363
2. Dodge City	Crisis Center of Dodge City	620-225-6510
3. El Dorado	Family Life Center of Butler County	800-870-6967 or 316-321-7104
4. Emporia	SOS, Inc.	800-825-1295 or 620-342-1870
5. Garden City	Family Crisis Services	800-275-0535 or 620-275-5911
6. Great Bend	Family Crisis Center	866-792-1885 or 620-792-1885
7. Hays	NW KS Domestic and Sexual Violence Svcs.	800-794-4624 or 785-625-3055
8. Hutchinson	Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center	800-701-3630 or 620-663-2522
9. Iola	Hope Unlimited	620-365-7566
10. Kansas City, KS	El Centro, Inc. ¡Si Se Puede! (<i>domestic violence</i>)	913-677-0177
11. Kansas City, KS	Friends of Yates /Joyce H.Williams Center (<i>domestic violence</i>)	913-321-0951
12. Kansas City, MO	KCAVP	816-561-0550
13. Kansas City, MO	MOCSA (<i>sexual assault</i>)	816-531-0233
14. Lawrence	GaDuGi Safe Center (<i>sexual assault</i>)	785-841-2345
15. Lawrence	Women's Transitional Care Services (<i>domestic violence</i>)	800-770-3030 or 785-843-3333
16. Leavenworth	Alliance Against Family Violence	800-644-1441 or 913-682-9131
17. Liberal	Liberal Area Rape Crisis and DV Services	620-624-8818
18. Manhattan	The Crisis Center, Inc.	800-727-2785 or 785-539-2785
19. Mayetta	Prairie Band Potawatomi Family Violence Prevention Program	888-966-0173 or 785-966-0173
20. Newton	Harvey County DV/SA Task Force	800-487-0510 or 316-283-0350
21. Overland Park	Safehome, Inc.	888-432-4300 or 913-262-2868
22. Pittsburg	Crisis Resource Center of Southeast Kansas, Inc.	800-794-9148 or 620-231-8251
23. Salina	Domestic Violence Assoc. of Central Kansas	800-874-1499 or 785-827-5862
24. Topeka	YWCA Battered Women Task Force	888-822-2983 or daytime 785-354-7927 evening 785-234-3300
25. Ulysses	DoVES of Grant County	888-229-8812 or 620-356-2608
26. Wichita	Catholic Charities Harbor House (<i>domestic violence</i>)	866-899-5522 or 316-263-6000
27. Wichita	StepStone (<i>domestic violence</i>)	316-265-1611
28. Wichita	Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (<i>sexual assault</i>)	316-263-3002 or por español: 316-263-2044
29. Wichita	YWCA Women's Crisis Center (<i>domestic violence</i>)	316-267-7233
30. Winfield	Safe Homes, Inc.	800-794-7672 or 620-221-4357