

OCTOBER

IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse or financial abuse (using money and financial tools to exert control). Some abusers are able to exert complete control over a victim's every action without ever using violence or only using subtle threats of violence. **All types of abuse are devastating to victims.** [source: nmedv.org]

Here are the facts:

- In Maryland, between July 2017 and June 2018, there were **46 domestic violence related deaths.** [source: mnadv.org]
- **1 in 4 women** and **1 in 9 men** experience violence from their partner in their lifetimes. [source: nomore.org]
- **1 in 3 teens** experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year. [source: nomore.org]
- **Women between the ages of 18-24** are most commonly abused by an intimate partner. [source: ncadv.org]

How can you assist victims of Domestic Violence?

The Office of the State's Attorney is collecting the below items until October 31 to be donated to the YWCA. A drop-off box will be located at each SAO location.

- Deodorant
- Hair brushes/combs (*all types*)
- Hand sanitizer
- Tissue
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- White bath towels & washcloths
- Cleaning supplies
- Fuzzy socks or house slippers

Drop-off Box Locations:

SAO Main Office
Circuit Court
Suite 200

Annapolis District Court
251 Rowe Blvd
3rd Floor

Glen Burnie SAO
7495 Balt-Annap Blvd.
Suite 100

What resources are available for victims?

- If you are in danger, call 911, a local hotline, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline.
- The Anne Arundel County Domestic Violence Hotline is 410-222-6800 and the caller can speak with a trained advocate.
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides confidential and anonymous support 24/7. Reach out by phone at 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1-800-787-3224.
- Loveisrespect provides teens and young adults confidential and anonymous support. Reach out by phone 1-866-331-9474 and TTY 1-866-331-8453.
- WomensLaw.org provides legal information and resources for victims. Reach out by email through the WomensLaw Email Hotline at <https://hotline.womenslaw.org/public> in English and Spanish.