

Domestic Violence Resources

**Statewide Domestic Violence
Info-Line (24 hours)
1-800-897-LINK (5465)**

Domestic Violence Shelters

(24 Hours)

Blanding Gentle Ironhawk Shelter (in process)	1-435-678-2445
Brigham City YCU	1-435-723-5600
Cedar City Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center	1-435-865-7443
Davis County Safe Harbor	1-801-444-9161
Logan CAPSA	1-435-753-2500
Moab Seekhaven	1-435-259-2229
Ogden YCC	1-801-392-7273
Park City Peace House	1-435-647-9161
Price Colleen Quigley Women's Center	1-435-636-2375
Provo Center for Women & Children in Crisis	1-801-377-5500
Richfield New Horizons	1-800-343-6302
Salt Lake City YWCA	1-801-537-8600
South Valley Sanctuary	1-801-255-1095
St. George Dove Center	1-435-628-0458
Tooele County Pathways	1-800-833-5515
Vernal Women's Crisis Center	1-435-781-4253

**National Domestic Violence Hotline
(24 hours)
1-800 799-SAFE (7233)**

In An Emergency Dial 911

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**A Program to Educate Faith Leaders
on Domestic Violence**



Utah Domestic Violence Council

**Faith Leaders
Working with
Victims and Abusers
of Domestic Violence**

The Mission of the Interfaith Leaders Committee is to provide solutions and assistance for victims and abusers involved in domestic violence through increasing awareness, education and training of faith leaders and to provide programs suited for every faith.



Our goal is to provide education and tools to help you as faith leaders respond appropriately to those who need help.

With this in mind, the Utah Domestic Violence Council has developed a program to address the critical issues your congregations and communities are facing. This program provides the necessary tools faith leaders need to:

- Recognize that one out of eight families experiences domestic violence in your community.
- Understand the dynamics of domestic violence.
- Hold abusers accountable for their actions and let victims know they are not to blame for the violence.
- Provide victims, including children, with safe options.
- Be aware of religious issues often raised by victims and abusers.
- Perceive domestic violence as a crime to which there are solutions.
- Recognize the contributions local resources can make to a collaborative approach.
- Recognize and respect unique cultural experiences and differences in an individual's life.
- Help victims become survivors.

What Faith Leaders CAN Do . . .

- Believe the victims! Do not question accuracy.
- Keep the information confidential.
- Validate the victims' feelings and affirm the courageous act of reaching out to you.
- Listen to the victims without physically touching them; respect their space.
- Unequivocally denounce the violence.
- Tell the victims they are not alone.
- Offer victims alternatives from which to choose.
- Support the victims' decisions to act or not to act within the law.
- Recognize your responsibility to report vulnerable adult and child abuse.
- Conduct individual, private interviews with partner/parent and children when appropriate.
- Be available for either victims or abusers to come to you for help.
- Refer victims and abusers to licensed domestic violence treatment providers with appropriate expertise.
- Seek further training. Call UDVC at 801-521-5544

What Faith Leaders Should NOT Do . . .

- *Do not* disclose information about victims to abusers.
- *Do not* presume that marriage or couples counseling can take the place of domestic violence counseling. Domestic violence treatment should precede marriage counseling.
- *Do not* confront abusers about what victims have said.
- *Do not* attempt to intervene during the reconciliation phase.
- *Do not* minimize or deny the abuse or violence.

Education available :

- *Domestic Violence Awareness Training for Interfaith Leaders*
- *Domestic Violence Awareness for Congregations & Organizations*
- *Dating Violence Prevention*

For information regarding age /appropriate training contact:

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