Resources for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

If you are in immediate danger, call 911

If you are a survivor of domestic violence, you have access to resources that may help you, such as:

- Hotlines to help you find resources available to you
- Safe and confidential shelter
- Planning for your safety
- Legal assistance

NOTE: Information on computers, phones and other electronic devices may be traceable. If you're worried about your abuser tracking your steps this way, it may be best to use a public computer, such as in a library and avoid using e-mail or social media.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotlines

Domestic Violence counselors answer hotlines 24 hours a day and can assist you in locating a shelter, help plan for your safety or direct you to local resources. The locations of domestic violence shelters are confidential to protect all survivors placed there and the best way to get into a domestic violence shelter is through a referral from the SafeLink Domestic Violence Hotline:

- **SafeLink Domestic Violence Hotline (operated by Casa Myrna)**
  877-785-2020
  877-521-2601 (TTY/hearing impaired)
  Provides support in over 130 languages

- **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**
  800-841-8371

- **The Network/La Red**
  617-742-4911 (voice and TTY)
  The Network/La Red hotline provides emotional support, information, and safety planning for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and/or transgender (LGBQ/T) folks, as well as folks in SM/kink and Polyamorous communities who are being abused or have been abused by a partner

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- **ATASK Multilingual Hotline**
  617-338-2355
  Serves Mandarin Chinese, English, Hindi, Japanese, Central Khmer (Cambodian), Korean, Nepali, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese, Tue Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese

### Legal Services

**Greater Boston Legal Services, Inc. (GBLS)**
197 Friend Street, Boston
617-371-1234 (intake)
617-371-1228 (TTY/hearing impaired)
[www.gbls.org](http://www.gbls.org)
Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm
Walk-in hours to make an appointment are 9am to 12 noon
Legal assistance to low-income people in Boston and surrounding towns on civil (non-criminal) cases. GBLS conducts legal clinics in the South Cove Community Health Center, Chinese Progressive Association, and Viet AID.

**Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.**
Legal HelpLine: (617) 521-0146
http://www.casamyrna.org/supportive-services/
The Legal Advocacy Program seeks to address the unmet legal needs of victims of domestic violence who, due to linguistic, cultural, and economic barriers, would not be able to access representation through normal channels. Initially established to provide emergency legal services, the program has expanded its capacity to include critically needed full representation in Probate and Family Court matters. Casa Myrna is one of the few programs in Massachusetts to provide clients with representation beyond the initial restraining order hearing, and provides ongoing comprehensive family law representation, as well as a Legal HelpLine.

**Community Legal Services and Counseling Center**
One West Street, Cambridge
617-661-1010
[www.clsacc.org](http://www.clsacc.org)
Legal assistance in domestic violence, housing eviction, disability benefits, and immigration rights, and counseling services
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Family Justice Center
989 Commonwealth Ave, Boston
617-779-2100
http://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/violence-prevention/Family-Justice-Center/Pages/Family-Justice-Center.aspx
The FJC is a program of the Boston Public Health Commission. They offer counseling in domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking. Serves English-speakers, immigrants and LGBT. They can assist you in understanding the legal system and understanding your rights.

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance – Victim Services Program
One Ashburton Place, Suite 1101, Boston
617-586-1340
http://www.mass.gov/mova/what-we-do/mova-service-programs/
MOVA can direct you to local supports, consultation and case management for you and your family.

Domestic Violence Counseling and Other Services

Jane Doe
Statewide Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault resources. They have a good website to search for services based on your needs:
http://www.janedoe.org/find_help/search

Association of Haitian Women in Boston
330 Fuller Street, Dorchester
617-287-0096
http://www.afab-kafanm.org/

BIDMC: Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery
330 Brookline Ave, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston
617-667-8141
http://www.bidmc.org/violenceprevention
Must be 18 years old
Counseling and advocacy for victims or witnesses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and community violence

Boston Medical Center: Domestic Violence Program
One Boston Medical Center Place, Boston
617-414-5457
Counseling and advocacy for survivors

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Brigham and Women’s Hospital Passageway Program
75 Francis St, Boston
617-732-8753
Advocacy, training/education, and community linkages

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.
617-521-0100
www.casamyrna.org
Advocacy and counseling
Call to make an appointment

Elizabeth Stone House
8 Notre Dame Street, Boston
617-427-9801
www.elizabethstonehouse.org
Support groups
Call for details

EMERGE
2464 Massachusetts Ave, Suite 101, Cambridge
617-547-9879
www.emergedv.com
Anger management classes, education for individual abusers, advocacy, training, counseling
Must be over 18, call to make an appointment

HarborCOV
Location is secret
617-884-9799
www.harborcov.org
Shelter, community-based supportive services, 24-hour hotline, legal and economic advocacy

Respond, Inc
617-625-5996
www.respondinc.org
Shelter, counseling and support groups, legal advocacy, children’s services
24-hour hotline: 617-623-5900
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Transition House
617-868-1650
24-hour: 617-661-7203
www.transitionhouse.org
Shelter and counseling
Serves Amharic, Catalan, English, French, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Portuguese, Spanish.

Victim Witness Assistance Program
1 Bullfinch Place, Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, Boston
617-619-4000
http://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/victim-assistance/
Crisis intervention, supportive counseling, court advocacy, and safety planning for victims, witnesses, and their families
Call to make an appointment

The Women’s Center
46 Pleasant St, Cambridge
617-354-6394
www.cambridgewomenscenter.org
Support groups dealing with domestic violence, incest, child sexual abuse, alcohol concerns, grief, divorce, and anger-management
Helpline: 617-354-8807 during business hours