

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



SOUTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- In 2004, 15,607 people reported being a victim of a domestic violence incident.¹
- Females accounted for 82.8% of the reported victims and males accounted for 17.3% of the reported victims.²
- Of the reported domestic violence cases, 25.5% were incidences where the perpetrator used alcohol.³
- White victims accounted for 50.1% of reported cases and non-whites accounted for 49.9% of reported cases, however non-whites are 2.2 times more likely to be victimized than whites.⁴
- In 2004, 1,720 forcible rape cases were reported. Of which 57% were white females and 41% black females.⁵
- Victims identified their perpetrator as either a spouse or family member 59.4% of the time.⁶
- South Carolina ranks #6 nationally in the number of women killed by male intimate.⁷
- Of these cases, 28% of the victims were spouses of the perpetrator; 14% cohabitated with the perpetrator; 6% dated the perpetrator.⁷

HOTLINE AND SHELTER SERVICES

- Domestic violence programs in SC provided shelter to approximately 4,400 women and children in 2003.⁸
- A total of 14,275 victims of domestic violence received a myriad of non-residential services such as counseling, support groups, court advocacy, financial assistance and other aid.⁹
- 4,434 children received non-residential services.¹⁰
- 33,785 hotline calls were answered.¹¹
- Over 400 women were turned away from shelter due to a lack of space.¹²

SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

- The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is one of the few state coalitions that provide services for both domestic violence victims and sexual assault survivors.¹³
- The Coalition's goal is to eradicate interpersonal violence in South Carolina by supporting domestic violence and sexual assault programs, providing education, advocating for social reform, and influence public policy.¹⁴

CHALLENGES

- South Carolina is one of three states, including Montana and Delaware, whose domestic violence laws explicitly exclude individuals in same-sex relationships from seeking protection from their abuser.

If you or someone you know is being abused and wants help, please contact the

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-260-9293

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.



The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and their children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state, and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.

SOUTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT¹⁶

1ST DISTRICT

CASA (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse)
Myrtle Beach
(843) 626-7595
(803) 448-6206 Hotline

Rape Crisis Center
Myrtle Beach
(843) 448-3180
(843) 448-7273 Hotline

People Against Rape
North Charleston
(843) 745-0144
(800) 241-7273 Hotline

My Sister's House
North Charleston
(843) 747-4069
(843) 743-3242 Hotline

2ND DISTRICT

Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse
Beaufort
(843) 770-1074
(843) 770-1070 Hotline

Hope Cottage of the Lowcountry
Beaufort
(843) 525-6699
(800) 637-7273

3RD DISTRICT

Laurens County Safe Homes
Clinton
(864) 938-1116
(864) 628-7270 Hotline

Rape Crisis Council of Pickens Co
Pickens
(864) 898-5575
(864) 898-5575 Hotline

Sexual Trauma & Counseling Ctr
Greenwood
(864) 227-1623
(864) 227-1623 Hotline

Meg's House
Greenwood
(864) 227-1421
(864) 227-1890 Hotline

4TH DISTRICT

Greenville Sexual Trauma Center
Greenville
(864) 467-3278
(864) 467-3633 Hotline

Safe Homes/Rape Crisis Coalition
Spartanburg
(864) 583-9803
(864) 583-9803

Sexual Assault Resource Center
Rock Hill
(803) 327-7558
(803) 327-7558 Hotline

5TH DISTRICT

The Family Resource Center
Camden
(803) 425-4357
(800) 585-4458 Hotline

Sistercare, Inc.
Columbia
(803) 926-0505
(803) 765-9428 Hotline

Palmetto citizens Against Spouse Abuse
Lancaster
(803) 286-5232
(888) 790-8532 Hotline

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
Columbia
(803) 252-8393
(803) 771-7273 Hotline

Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Florence
(843) 669-4694
(843) 669-4600 Hotline

Safe Passage Rock Hill
(803) 329-3336
(803) 329-2800

6TH DISTRICT

CASA/Family Systems
Orangeburg
(803) 534-2448
(803) 531-6211 Hotline

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.
Sumter
(803) 773-7158
(803) 775-2763 Hotline

Family Resource Center
Wytheville
(276) 625-0219
(276) 228-8431 Hotline

SOURCES

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^{3, 4} South Carolina Department of Public Safety 2004 Report on Domestic Violence, www.scdps.org/ojp/statistics/sc%20Domestic%20Violence%20Statistics.pdf.

^{5, 6} Report from South Carolina State SLED, www.sled.state.sc.us/default.htm.

^{7, 8, 9, 10, 11} South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, <http://www.sccadvsa.org/articles/59.pdf>.

^{12, 13, 14} South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, <http://www.sccadvsa.org>.

2004 National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. For a copy of this directory, please contact the main office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at P.O. Box 18749 Denver, CO 80218 (303) 839-1852.