



WCPO Domestic Violence Unit F.A.Q.

- **I have been assaulted but did not call the police, is it too late?**

Each case is decided on a case by case basis. Call your local police agency to make a report. They will decide if a warrant should be submitted.

- **I would like to prosecute but I don't want him to go to jail and lose his job, are there alternatives to jail?**

Yes. Depending on the facts of the case, probation with batterer's intervention, parenting classes where appropriate, and substance abuse counseling if necessary are some of the alternatives to jail time.

- **How do I get into a shelter?**

For immediate assistance call 1 800 799-7233. If it is not an emergency call your court advocate for assistance.

- **Will I have to testify in Court?**

Yes. You are most likely the primary witness to what happened.

- **My children have been traumatized by domestic violence. Should They go to counseling?**

In some cases, counseling is appropriate. The Domestic Violence Court Advocates can give you referrals for counseling. Call 313 224-5857 and ask to speak to a Court Advocate.

Resources

- **ACCESS** - Resource center for survivors of sexual assault
 - **Contact:** 1-313-216-2202
- **Avalon Healing Center (Formerly known as Wayne County SAFE)** - Resource center for survivors of sexual assault
 - **Crisis Line:** 1-313-430-8000
- **Detroit Police Department Victims Assistance Program** – Resource for survivors of DV or sexual assault
 - **Contact:** 1-313-833-1660
- **First Step** – Resource for survivors of DV or sexual assault and offers shelter services
 - **Crisis Line:** 1-734-459-5900 or 1-888-453-5900
 - www.firststep-mi.org
- **Haven** – Resource for survivors of DV or sexual assault
 - **Crisis Line:** 1-248-334-1274
- **SASHA Center: Sexual Assault Services for Holistic Healing and Awareness** - Resource focuses on the African American experience but groups and services are OPEN to ALL
 - **Contact:** 1-888-865-7055
 - info@sashacenter.org
- **YWCA Interim House** – Offers shelter services for Domestic Violence Victims
 - **Contact:** 1-313-862-3580
 - ywca@ywcadetroit.org