

SAFETY PLANNING

If you are in a violent relationship, a safety plan can be a life-saving resource. A safety plan will help you think through some of the steps you may decide to take to protect yourself and your children.

You can receive support in creating a safety plan from counselors on the 24/7 Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline 1-866-723-3014.

Your safety plan may include:

- Knowing where you can get help. Keep a list of important phone numbers.
- Planning with your children. Identify a safe place for them, like a neighbor's house. Let them know that their job is to stay safe; not to protect you.
- Preparing an emergency kit or "go bag" that you can get to quickly.
- Planning the safest time to get away.

Leaving can be the most dangerous time in an abusive relationship, so if you forget something, do not return. Advocates at Women Against Abuse can help clients replace documents or other items they may need.

While a Protection From Abuse order is a key legal resource for people experiencing relationship violence, it cannot guarantee victims' safety, and offers the most protection when part of a strong SAFETY PLAN.

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CONTACT US

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LEGAL CENTER

100 S Broad St., Suite 1500
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Monday - Friday
9 AM to 5 PM
215-686-7082

24/7 Support

Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline

1-866-723-3014



We do not discriminate on the basis of gender. For more info, contact our VP of Human Resources at 215-386-1280.

LEGAL SERVICES

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WHO WE ARE

Women Against Abuse is the leading service provider for Philadelphians experiencing intimate partner violence. We serve 10,000 people each year through comprehensive services, prevention and advocacy.

The Women Against Abuse Legal Center has a team of experienced attorneys and dedicated staff who provide representation, court advocacy and telephone counseling for survivors of intimate partner violence.

All services are provided for free, regardless of immigration status and gender identity. Free interpretation services are also available.

SERVICES

Safety Planning & Options Counseling

We partner with clients to explore options for staying safe and escaping an abusive situation.

Attorney Representation

Our attorneys are experts in their field, and represent clients seeking:

- Protection from abuse orders (PFA)
- Sexual violence and intimidation orders
- Child custody and support - when client is receiving PFA assistance

Fast Track Attorney Representation

We have attorneys stationed directly in Philadelphia Family Court for on-the-spot services in Protection From Abuse matters.

Criminal Court Advocacy

We support clients throughout their abuser's criminal case. We also advocate on behalf of clients who are facing criminal charges due to self-defense.

Community Partnerships

We connect clients with community partners for support around housing, divorce, immigration and other needs.

Specialized Assistance Is Available For:

- Survivors who call 9-1-1 and are at highest risk of harm
- Survivors whose former partner is on parole/probation or is in Diversion Court
- Survivors who are involved with child protection services
- Survivors who are immigrants and refugees
- Survivors who prefer support in languages other than English

