



During this unprecedented time of public health crisis...during an already stressful time, victims may not have the opportunity to reach out to us for help. Our decrease in hotline calls is not due to a decrease in abuse. The hotlines have been eerily quiet the past two weeks... and that worries me. - Peg Ruddy, Executive Director, WRC



If you CAN help:

We need your support so we can continue to support victims of domestic and sexual abuse – but we know these are challenging times for everyone. If you're able to make a donation in any amount, we thank you greatly. Your donations help us provide security for the families in most dire need of assistance – your donations save lives.

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If you NEED help:

Or if someone you know needs help, call our free & confidential hotline to speak with a Counselor Advocate.

The WRC is your safe place.

Hotline Number: 1-800-257-5765

Lackawanna County: 570-346-4671

Susquehanna County: 570- 278-1800

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website

Because the COVID-19 crisis is presenting so many unforeseen challenges, we are working to help people understand how this time is affecting domestic violence and sexual assault victims. **You can also help us by sharing these stories with family, friends and social networks.**

[WNEP TV 16 - "Help Available for Domestic Abuse Victims"](#)

[Eyewitness News WBRE/WYOU - "WRC Experiences Decrease in Hotline Calls"](#)



COVID-19 is affecting victims in more ways than you might imagine...

- *Abusive partners may share misinformation about the pandemic to control or frighten survivors, or to prevent them from seeking appropriate medical attention if they have symptoms.*
- *Abusive partners may withhold insurance cards, threaten to cancel insurance, or prevent survivors from seeking medical attention if they need it.*
- *Travel restrictions may impact a survivor's escape or safety plan – it may not be safe for them to use public transportation or to fly.*
- *An abusive partner may feel more justified and escalate their isolation tactics.*

If any of the above are happening to you or someone you know, we at WRC can help you develop a safety plan. This is a personalized, practical plan....

Remember you are not alone.

OUR MISSION

The Women's Resource Center provides comprehensive services for adult and child survivors domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. Our services include a crisis hotline, crisis counseling, emergency shelter, safe housing, legal services, support services, community education, prevention and advocacy.

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