

# VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

*YOU DESERVE A LIFE WITHOUT VIOLENCE AND FEAR.*



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**YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOU HAVE CHOICES.**

## THE FACTS

Domestic violence is not about anger, stress or alcohol. It is when one person controls, dominates and/or coerces their partner. It knows no boundaries. Domestic violence crosses all cultural, religious, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

## WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

A pattern of violent behaviors that adults use against their intimate partner. Abuse can cause injury or even death, but it doesn't have to be only physical. It also includes sexual, verbal, emotional and economic control over the other person.

## DOES YOUR PARTNER:

- Look at you or act in ways that scare you?
- Control what you do, who you see or talk to, or where you go?
- Intimidate you by breaking things or punching holes in the walls?
- Shove you, slap you, choke you or hit you?

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

This crime is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assaults includes rape, non consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.

## THERE IS HELP

USMC Victim Advocates provide information, guidance and support to victims. They are first responders. Specially trained Victim Advocates will respond to incidents of domestic violence or sexual assault 24/7, but may also be contacted during working hours by anyone with questions or concerns. Please read through the back side of this flyer for information on resources and options.

## VICTIM ADVOCATE

- Serves MCBH 24/7 Crisis HELPLINE.
- Provides victims with emotional support, crisis intervention.
- Offers reporting options, explaining the processes involved in domestic violence, and sexual assault.
- Advocates for the victim's rights.
- Provides accompaniment and guides victims through medical, legal, investigative processes.
- Supports through initial/ongoing investigation and court proceedings.
- Serve as liaison between victims and service providers to military and civilian services.

## BE PREPARED:

Always keep the following items in a safe, accessible location away from the home:

- ID cards and passports
- Medications
- Bank cards
- Birth Certificates
- Social security cards
- Marriage certificates/ divorce papers
- Money
- Medical records
- Insurance papers
- Keys: car/house/office
- Temporary Restraining Order

## YOU HAVE CHOICES

### UNRESTRICTED REPORTING

An official investigation may occur and the Command and Family Advocacy is notified. Victim Advocacy and Family Advocacy services are offered. At the victim's request, healthcare providers will conduct any forensic medical examination deemed appropriate. Incident details will be limited to personnel with a legitimate need to know.

### RESTRICTED REPORTING

Marine & Family Program, Counseling Services can provide confidential support and information regarding domestic violence abuse, without reporting to law enforcement or the service member's command. Victim advocacy services are provided.

Who May I Disclose the Abuse to keep information confidential?

- Victim Advocate
- Health Care Provider
- Victim Advocate Supervisor

If domestic abuse is disclosed to someone other than those listed above, it may result in command and FAP notification and law enforcement investigation.

## CONTACT

### During DUTY HOURS:

Family Advocacy Program:  
(808) 496-7780 or (808) 496-8803

### For assistance AFTER HOURS:

24/7 Crisis Helpline: (808) 216-7175

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Military Police & Honolulu Police Department...911  
Suicide Crisis Line.....988  
Tripler Army Medical Center.....888-683-2278  
Child Protective Services.....832-5300  
Hale Kipa Youth Shelter.....955-2248  
Family Court (Restraining Order).....538-5959  
Sex Abuse Treatment Center.....524-7273  
Military OneSource.....1-800-342-9647

## ASSISTANCE NUMBERS

Family Advocacy, MCBH.....496-7780  
MCBH Chapel.....496-5138  
MCBH Kaneohe Branch Health Clinic.....257-3365  
Base Legal Assistance.....496-1829  
New Parent Support Program.....496-8802  
Housing Office.....496-2676  
Aloha United Way Help Line.....536-1951  
Domestic Violence Action Center.....531-3771