

Types of Abuse

Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence can be defined as, a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an individual.

Abuse happens in many forms:

- Physical
- Psychological
- Economical
- Financial
- Sexual
- Emotional
- Verbal
- Religious/Spiritual

– This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, or injure someone –

Sexual Assault is any act performed against a person's will or knowledge in a sexual manner, which violates their safety and trust.

Sexual assault may include:

- Date, marital, or acquaintance rape
- Forced anal touching or penetration
- Forced sexual touching of any kind
- Forced oral contact (kissing or penetration)
- Alcohol or drug facilitated sexual assault
- Incest

92% of sexual assaults are committed by **someone known to the victim**;

Sexual assault is NEVER the victim's fault

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Stalking may include:

- Following/showing up where you are
- Sending unwanted cards, gifts, etc.
- Monitoring calls/computer use
- Other actions that control or frighten

Advocacy Services

If your life or the life of someone you know has been affected by violence, *–please make the call, we are here to listen.*



All services are confidential and at no cost to the individual.

Services we provide:

- Supportive listening
- Legal advocacy
- Children's advocacy
- Court accompaniment
- Personal advocacy
- Safety planning
- Medical-advocacy accompaniment
- Support Groups
- Information & Referrals

Call to learn about more!

Violence & abuse can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender.

Office Locations:

Alma, WI	3175 Second St. 608-685-2424
Merrillan, WI	508 Olsner Drive 715-333-2350
Eau Claire, WI	807 S. Farwell St. 715-834-9578

Transitional Housing

Bolton Refuge House offers housing advocacy (assistance in finding temporary, or gaining permanent safe housing) **to victims.**

Transitional Housing provides:

- Affordable, safe, decent housing
- Units including heat, water, and electricity
- 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom units
- Fully Furnished Units
- Access to staff and victim advocates

**Help is available 24/7,
365 days a year
by calling 715-834-9578**

Victim advocates provide options, resources, information, and referrals to aid individuals on gaining **self-sufficiency.**

Victim advocates can assist an individual with barriers that may exist, such as past evictions, childcare, transportation, education, employment, and others.