

When Home Isn't Safe...

The word "home" usually stirs images of love, warmth and security.

To many in our community, "home" means fear, pain and immense sadness.

Our Mission Statement

Provide temporary, safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.



Provide counseling, advocacy and support for both resident and non-resident victims of domestic violence.



Train and educate the general public, parents, children and professionals who deal with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence in our community.



Coordinate a sustained effort to alleviate the escalating and devastating problem of domestic violence in our community.

Safe Harbor is a private, nonprofit agency, part of a state and national network of domestic violence programs.

Safe Harbor generates no income through fees for services. We are funded by the United Way, government grants and contracts, private foundations, and donations from the community. Both community support and volunteers are vital to our continued operation.

Services

For our residents we provide:

- A 24-hour emergency shelter and crisis line for victims of domestic violence: a safe place to find acceptance, peace and support in rebuilding shattered lives.
- Counseling, both individual and group, by caring professionals.
- Food and lodging, laundry facilities, clothing, personal items, and other necessities.
- Case management and referrals for medical care, housing, employment, job training, education, childcare and transportation.
- Living skills classes taught by community experts.
- Advocacy, including accompaniment to court appearances; help with protective orders and other legal matters.
- After-care for clients who have left the shelter, but who still need counseling, advocacy, or other support.

For those not seeking shelter:

- Individual counseling and community support groups for those living with abuse, or for those trying to cope after leaving a destructive relationship.
- Our 24-hour HEART [Hospital Emergency Aid Response Team] Program to support victims while they are seeking medical treatment, and to offer shelter and safety.
- The Megan Project, a program for middle and high school students to prevent date violence, to teach healthy relationships, and to support young people living with domestic violence in their homes.
- Training for professionals who deal with domestic violence.
- Speakers for businesses, community, church, and civic groups. Literature and videotapes are available.

Are you in a violent or abusive relationship?

There is a place that can help...



Safe Harbor

A Safe Home, When Home Isn't Safe

24 Hour Crisis Lines

Safe Harbor I in Greenville 864-467-3636	Safe Harbor II in Anderson 864-261-3633
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1-800-291-2139

We now have 2 safe shelters serving Greenville, Anderson, Pickens & Oconee

Be a Friend of Safe Harbor

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

I have enclosed a contribution of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

You may also make a memorial gift or honorarium in someone's name. Just call Safe Harbor.

If you would like to be added to our newsletter database, check here.

Please call about volunteering in these areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Mail to: **Safe Harbor**

P.O. Box 174

Greenville, SC 29602-0174

Greenville Business 864-467-1177

Fax 864-467-3638

Anderson Business 864-261-3228

Fax 864-261-9132



eMail: info@safeharborsc.org

www.safeharborsc.org

Abuse can kill.

Hide an extra set of house and car keys.



Keep important papers in a safe place:

birth certificates, social security cards, bank records,
family photos and mementos.



Tell a trusted neighbor or friend who can get help
quickly. Tell your family what is happening.



Make an escape plan with children: how to get out,
where to go, who to call.



Keep a small suitcase packed and hidden away
(clothes, special toys, etc.).



Put some money aside or open a
secret bank account.



Do not leave without your children.



Seek counseling, support and legal advice.

**Safe Harbor counselors can help
you get out quickly and safely.**

**We can be reached
24 hours a day.**

Are you being abused?

Does your partner...

- Hit, punch, slap, shove or choke you?
- Threaten you, put you down, or call you names?
- Have sudden outbursts of anger or overreact to small things?
- Display unreasonable jealousy?
- Threaten you with weapons or other objects?
- Show quick and extreme mood swings (Jekyll and Hyde personality)?
- Have a history of abuse or of observing others being abused?
- Treat you like a possession, say that no one else can have you?
- Mistreat pets or children?
- Have problems discussing or showing feelings other than anger?
- Try to isolate you from family and friends?
- Display rigid thinking and stereotypical ideas of male/female roles?
- Accept no blame or responsibility for his behavior?
- Have a problem with authority figures?
- Seem charming and likeable to outsiders?

If your partner shows any of these signs,
Get Help!

Children do Suffer from Domestic Violence.

Girls raised in violent homes are **6 times** more likely to engage in abusive relationships.

Boys from violent homes are **10 times** more likely to become abusive in their intimate relationships.

Children who witness domestic violence have:

- Poor relationships with peers.
- Low self-esteem.
- High risk for alcohol and drug abuse.
- Tendencies to abuse or torture animals or other children.
- High risk for juvenile crime and promiscuity.
- Acceptance of violence as normal behavior.
- Poor performance in school and excessive absences.
- Stress, anxiety and depression.
- High risk for suicidal thoughts or attempts.
- Either aversion to being touched or excessive clinginess.
- Lack of problem solving skills, low tolerance for frustration.

**More than 3 million children
witness acts of violence in the
home every year in the U.S.**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Safe Harbor I

Greenville 864-467-1177

Crisis Line 864-467-3636

Fax 864-467-3638

Safe Harbor II

Anderson 864-261-3228

Toll Free 1-800-291-2139

Crisis Line 864-261-3633

Fax 864-261-9132

The Facts

- South Carolina is 3rd in the number of women murdered by their intimate partners.
- In the United States, a woman is beaten **every 9 seconds**.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, more so than all muggings, stranger rapes and car accidents combined.
- As many as 35 percent of emergency room visits by females are for injuries related to domestic violence.
- Thirty-seven percent of pregnant women are battered, according to the American Medical Association.
- One out of 4 high school and one out of 3 college students have been abused.

Domestic Violence is Against the Law!

It is a criminal act to abuse or threaten to abuse any family member, current or former spouse, or intimate partner.

Call 911 if someone is abusing you! They can be charged with Criminal Domestic Violence. You can seek an Order of Protection from SC Centers for Equal Justice (864-679-3232) to protect you from further violence or abuse.

Safe Harbor can help you to understand and use the legal system to stay safe. We will accompany you to court, assist you in finding proper legal counsel, or just be there for advice and support.

No one DESERVES to be Abused!