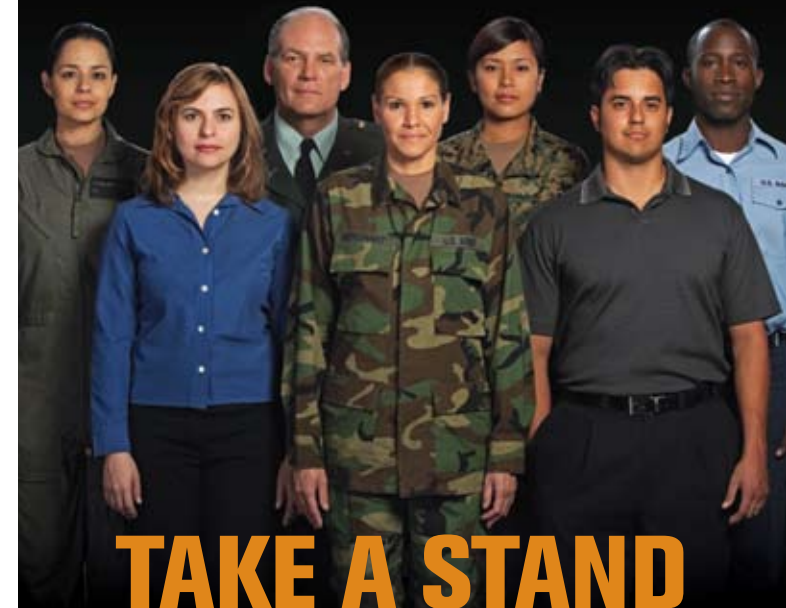


Domestic violence is a crime that harms individuals, ruins families, weakens communities, undermines readiness, and is contrary to the institutional values of the Armed Forces.

The Department of Defense recognizes that domestic violence can often be prevented. Services and resources are available on installations and in communities to help stop domestic violence before it starts. You can learn to prevent domestic violence in the military by visiting your installation family support center, the Family Advocacy Program Office, or the Family Violence Prevention Fund at www.endabuse.org

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Help Stop it Before it Starts.

STOP VIOLENCE BEFORE IT BEGINS

What you can do:

Teach young people that violence is not acceptable.

Promote general domestic violence awareness by talking to your friends and family about this issue.

Offer your support and understanding – not your judgment – to a friend or family member that you may be concerned about.

Support your friends and family by informing them of resources that can help them if they are experiencing problems in their relationships.

Become active in domestic violence prevention activities on your installation or in your local community.

Report to law enforcement or your local Family Advocacy Program if you suspect abuse.

FACTS ABOUT DV

Domestic violence is a crime.

Batterers use emotional, psychological, economic and physical abuse to control their victims.

More than 4 million people are abused by their partners each year.

Domestic violence can result in serious injury or death.

Anger, alcohol, drugs or stress are never excuses for abuse.

Children also suffer when there is domestic violence in the home.

Domestic violence crosses all socioeconomic, age, gender, ethnic, racial and cultural strata and military ranks.

If you are being abused, think you are being abused or are concerned about someone who you think is living with abuse, refer to the resources in this brochure for help.

RESOURCES

Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF)
www.endabuse.org
The FVPF has worked to end violence against women and children for over 25 years.

Military OneSource 1-800-342-9647
www.militaryonesource.com
Military OneSource provides military families with information and resources that can help in many areas of personal to professional life. OneSource services are available 24/7.

Military HOMEFRONT
www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil
Military HOMEFRONT is the official Department of Defense web site for Quality of Life information designed to help military members and their families, leaders and service providers.

Family Support Centers
Family Centers offer a wide variety of programs and classes for our military members and their families such as financial management, transition assistance, information and referral, educational assistance, counseling, and more.

Family Advocacy Program (FAP)
The FAP is a command support program responsible for addressing family violence – both domestic abuse and child abuse – in military families, through prevention, early identification, intervention, support for victims, and treatment for abusers. FAP staff work with military command, military law enforcement personnel, medical staff, Family Center personnel and Chaplains, as well as civilian organizations and agencies, to provide a coordinated response to family maltreatment involving our service members.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Advocates at the National Domestic Violence Hotline are available for victims and anyone calling on their behalf to provide domestic violence crisis intervention, safety planning, information, referrals, and direct connection to local resources.

To learn more about these and other military and civilian resources, contact the installation Family Center staff, FAP office or the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

