

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



RHODE ISLAND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN RHODE ISLAND

- In 2004, 7,930 incidents of domestic violence were reported in Rhode Island.¹
- Children observed 1,874 incidents of domestic violence in Rhode Island in 2004.²
- In 2005, there were 6 domestic violence related homicides.³
- On any given day in Rhode Island, the domestic violence crisis hotline receives 46 calls, 59 women and children spend the night in a shelter, and 28 people seek domestic violence community services.⁴
- Of the 7,930 incidents of domestic violence reported in 2004, 6,261 involved female victims and 1,669 involved male victims.⁵
- 2,246 victims were visibly injured as the result of a domestic violence incidents in 2004.⁶
- In 2004, the victim and the suspect were both female in 393 domestic violence incidents and the victim and the suspect were both male in 473 incidents.⁷

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- The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) is an organization dedicated to ending domestic violence in Rhode Island and guaranteeing services for survivors through partnerships with community organizations, member agencies and state and federal initiatives.⁸
- In 2004, the six member agencies of RICADV provided services to 9,987 individual victims of domestic violence.⁹

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN RHODE ISLAND

- 253 incidents of sexual assault were reported in Rhode Island in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2004, 281 sexual assault victims were female and 34 were male.¹¹
- There were 91 incidents of child molestation reported in Rhode Island in 2004.¹²
- In 2004, there were 43 incidents of sexual assault that also involved domestic violence.¹³
- Of 315 sexual assault incidents reported in 2004, 306 involved male suspects while 9 involved female suspects.¹⁴
- Over 1 out of every 8 adult women, or over 56,000 adult women in Rhode Island, has been the victim of forcible rape at sometime in her lifetime.¹⁵

CHALLENGES

- Despite new hospital programs and increased awareness about domestic violence, Rhode Island's health care professionals still do not routinely screen their patients for domestic violence. Health care providers in Rhode Island, who are well positioned to identify and address domestic violence, could be playing a much larger role.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and wants help, please contact the Rhode Island 24-hour helpline at 800-494-8100, the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.

RHODE ISLAND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT¹⁷

1ST DISTRICT

Women's Resource Center
Newport
(401) 846-5263
(401) 847-2533 Hotline

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center
Pawtucket
(401) 723-9057

Sojourner House, Inc.
Providence
(401) 861-6809

Women's Center of Rhode Island
Providence
(401) 861-2760

2ND DISTRICT

Women's Resource Center of South
County
Wakefield
(401) 782-3995
(401) 782-3990 Hotline

Elizabeth Buffman Chase House
Warwick
(401) 738-1700
(401) 738-9700 Hotline

Sojourner House, Inc.
Providence
(401) 861-6809

SOURCES

^{1,2,3,4} Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. *Domestic Violence in Rhode Island*. <http://www.ricadv.org/PDF/DVinRI2006.pdf>

⁵ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Domestic Violence Cases: Arrests by Gender*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/dvcannedreports-2004/dv04.pdf>.

⁶ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Domestic Violence Cases: Injured Victims– Photos Taken*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/dvcannedreports-2004/dv14.pdf>.

⁷ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Domestic Violence Cases: Same Gender Victim and Suspect*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/dvcannedreports-2004/dv07.pdf>.

⁸⁻⁹ Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence. *Domestic Violence in Rhode Island*. <http://www.ricadv.org/PDF/DVinRI2006.pdf>

¹⁰ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Sexual Assault Cases: Arrests/Non-Arrests/Cases Under Investigation*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/sacannedreports-2004/sa01.pdf>.

¹¹ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Sexual Assault Incidents: Male and Female Perpetrators with Arrest #'s*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/sacannedreports-2004/sa05.pdf>.

¹² Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Sexual Assault Incidents (Including Incidents Involving SA and Both SA/DV)*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/sacannedreports-2004/sa02.pdf>.

¹³ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Sexual Assault Incidents (Including Incidents w/ Elements of Both DV and SA)*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/sacannedreports-2004/sa03.pdf>.

¹⁴ Judiciary of Rhode Island. *Sexual Assault Incidents: Male and Female Perpetrators with Arrest #'s*. <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/canned-reports/sacannedreports-2004/sa05.pdf>.

¹⁵ Ruggiero, K. J., & Kilpatrick, D.G. (2003). *Rape in Rhode Island: A Report to the State*. Charleston, SC: National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, Medical University of South Carolina. http://www.satrc.org/Rape_In_Rhode_Island.pdf.

¹⁶ Rhode Island Commission on Women. *Position Paper on Health Care Response to Domestic Violence*. http://www.ricw.state.ri.us/domestic_violence_paper9.htm.

¹⁷ 2004 National Directory of Domestic Violence Programs. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. For a copy of this directory, please contact the main office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at P.O. Box 18749, Denver, CO 80218, (303) 839-1852.