



The Danger of Domestic Violence During Quarantine

As the nation and the world goes on lock down, most of us are being confined to our homes. Home is supposed to be the safest place any of us could be right now. However, for people experiencing domestic violence, social distancing can be dangerous.

Attempts to curb the coronavirus are inadvertently leading to an increase in domestic violence. Social workers and public safety officials have already reported a [spike in domestic violence calls](#). Additionally, this crisis brings compounding factors. Domestic violence and child abuse [tend to increase during periods of unemployment and isolation](#). Often victims of domestic violence have limited resources during times of national emergency as government and nonprofit organizations that assist victims have closed their doors. Victims may also fear exposure to the public health threat and avoid hospitals.

Many local leaders have taken steps to address the issue of domestic violence by educating stewards and members, negotiating employer-paid assistance programs and fighting for state and federal laws that further protect the rights of victims. By recognizing the impact of domestic violence, CWA can make a significant difference in the lives of our members. No one should be in a position of choosing between their personal safety or risk exposure to a public health threat. If you are living with domestic violence, the union has resources that can help. Please reach out to your steward or Local leadership for confidential advice and details.

Available Resources

- [Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [Staying Safe During COVID-19](#)
- [EN ESPAÑOL: Mantenerse seguros durante COVID-19](#)
- [1\(800\) 621-HOPE \(4673\) Safe Horizon's hotline for crisis counseling, safety planning, assistance finding shelters and confidential chat service.](#)

Actions/Campaigns

- [Domestic Violence Resource for Stewards and Officer](#)