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We help regardless of whether you choose to report to law enforcement, are unsure about reporting, or have reported and the case is under investigation.

Who we serve:

Survivors and victims of crimes such as:

- Relationship Violence
- Assault
- Partner or Family Member Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Incest
- Sexual Intercourse Without Consent
- Stalking
- Homicide

Civil advocates provide:

- Emotional support and crisis counseling for victims, friends, and family
- Assistance with filling out and filing an Order of Protection
- Preparation for and support at your Order of Protection hearing
- Referrals to community resources

Criminal advocates provide:

- Emotional support throughout the criminal case
- Information regarding court dates
- Explanation of court hearings
- Referrals to community resources
- Communications with the prosecutor and courts
- Information on victims' legal rights and protections
- Assistance with victim compensation applications
- Support at interviews with prosecutors, defense attorneys, or law enforcement

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SUPPORT. SAFETY. HOPE.

Program Hours:

Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
and closed on holidays.

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SAFETY PLANNING

What is a Safety Plan?

A safety plan is a personalized, practical plan to remain safe in an abusive relationship while planning to leave or after you go.

Safety during a violent incident:

- If the argument is unavoidable, try to have it in a safe place away from weapons or near an exit.
- Practice and identify how to get out of your home safely.
- Pack a bag and keep it ready in an undisclosed but accessible place.
- Devise a code word to use with your children, family, friends, and neighbors when you need the police.
- Talk to a neighbor and ask that they call the police if they hear a disturbance coming from your home.
- Decide and plan where you will go if you leave your home, even if you don't think it will come to that.
- Use your instincts and judgments when dealing with the situation. You have the right to protect yourself until you are out of danger.

Safety when preparing to leave:

- Open a separate bank account in your name.
- Keep a 911 phone in a location only you know about.
- Leave money, extra keys, copies of essential documents, and extra clothes with someone you trust.
- Determine where you can stay or who can loan you money.
- Keep the YWCA shelter phone number (406.542.1944) close at hand.
- Keep some change or a telephone calling card on you at all times for emergency phone calls.

Safety when staying at your home:

- Change the locks on your doors and/or purchase additional locks or safety devices to secure windows.
- Rearrange the furniture to limit the intrusion of the abuser.
- Discuss a safety plan with your children.
- Inform your children's school or childcare who has or does not have permission to pick up your children. Provide documentation if needed (Temporary Order of Protection paperwork, court documents, etc.)
- Inform the neighbors that your partner no longer lives with you and instruct them to call 911 if seen near your home.
- Change internet passwords often. Set privacy settings. Be cautious when accepting new friends on social media.

Safety with an Order of Protection

- Keep the Order of Protection with you. Leave copies of the order at appropriate places, such as your workplace or children's school.
- Call 911 immediately if the defendant violates the Order of Protection.

Resources

Emergency	911
YWCA Missoula Office	406.543.6691
City Attorney	406.552.6020
County Attorney	406.258.4737
Montana Legal Services	800.666.6899
Missoula Family Law	406.258.3428
Self Help Center	
First STEP Resource Center	406.329.5776
Child Abuse Hotline	866.820.5437
Suicide Crisis Lifeline (Local)	988
YWCA Crisis Line	800.483.7858 or 406.542.1944
UM Student Assault Resource	406.243.6559
Center (SARC)	

Housing Support

Poverello Center	406.728.1809
(shelter for adults 18+)	
Housing Support	211
(for anyone unhoused)	or 406.549.5555
Temporary Safe Outdoor Space	406.802.4309
(supported camping site for adults 18+)	
Hope Rescue Mission	406.542.5420

Basic Needs

Salvation Army	406.549.0710
Missoula Food Bank	406.549.0543

Health Care and Substance Use Support

Partnership Health Center	406.258.4789
Turning Point	406.532.9800
All Nations Health Center	406.829.9515
Providence Urgent Mental	406.327.3362
Health Clinic	