

## Domestic Violence Resources

### Safe + Sound Somerset

Safe+Sound Somerset is the domestic violence agency serving Somerset County residents. They offer 24-hour access to a confidential, safe house for adult and child victims of domestic violence. A separate safe house location for male victims of domestic violence is available.

**Contact the 24-hour Call/Text Hotline to be screened for shelter services at (866) 685-1122**

In case of emergency contact 911.

In addition to emergency shelter, the following programs are also offered by Safe+Sound Somerset:

- Individual and Group Counseling for Adults.
- Supportive Listening Groups.
- Youth Programs to Support Healing and to End the Cycle of Violence.
- Family Therapy with the non-offending parent.
- Transitional Housing program for persons leaving emergency housing services
- Accompaniment at Police Stations by Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) Volunteers when domestic violence incidents occur to provide support and information.
- Legal Advocacy program provides safety planning assistance, accompaniment to court, advocacy with law enforcement, court personnel and legal services, information about domestic violence law, legal clinics and pro bono individual consultations conducted by volunteer attorneys, and referrals to further law services if applicable. Safe+Sound Somerset's Legal Advocates are NOT lawyers and do Not provide legal representation.
- Community Education services provide professional trainings, public presentations, and education for youth.

### Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center

500 North Bridge Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
(908) 725-2800

[www.co.somerset.nj.us/hservices/rhmhc](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/hservices/rhmhc)

*Counseling for youth and adult victims of domestic violence. OPTIONS Program for male and female perpetrators of domestic abuse seeking to end their abusive behaviors.*

### Family & Community Services of Somerset County

339 W. Second Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805  
(732) 356-6327

*Counseling for youth and adult victims of domestic violence. RESPECT Program for male perpetrators of domestic abuse seeking to end their abusive behaviors.*

### Legal Services of Northwest Jersey

34 West Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, NJ 08876  
(908) 231-0840 | [www.lsnj.org](http://www.lsnj.org)

*Free legal representation for a limited number of low-income victims of domestic violence. Referrals made by Safe+Sound Somerset or contact Legal Services of Northwest Jersey directly.*

### Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy

Somerset County Prosecutor's Office  
40 North Bridge Street, Somerville, NJ 08876  
(908) 575-3359

[http://www.scpo.net/victim\\_witness.html](http://www.scpo.net/victim_witness.html)

*Services to ease victims' participation in the criminal justice process.*

### NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence

(609) 584-8107 | [www.njcedv.org](http://www.njcedv.org)

*Online resources for victims and advocates, and professional training opportunities.*

### NJ Domestic Violence Legal Helpline by NJCEDV

(844) 403-2111

*Providing victims and survivors with legal resources regarding domestic violence issues.*

*LIVE HOURS: Mondays 10am-2pm & Thursdays 6pm-8pm; Leave a message any time and your call will be returned.*

### Child Protection & Permanency

92 East Main Street, Suite 101, Somerville, NJ 08876  
(908) 526-5030

*Investigations of reports of child abuse and neglect and arrangement for child protection and family treatment*

Call (877) 652-2873 to report child abuse.

### Adult Protective Services

Somerset County Board of Social Services  
73 East High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876  
(908) 526-8800

<http://www.socialservices.co.somerset.nj.us/aps.htm>  
*Investigations within 72 hours of reports of abuse of persons 18 years and older who are unable to act in their own best interest; assistance in obtaining protective orders; and case management and referrals.*

## 24-Hour Hotlines

*In cases of immediate danger, dial 911.*

### Safe + Sound Somerset DV Call/Text Hotline

(866) 685-1122

*Domestic Violence information, support, and emergency shelter.*

### Sexual Assault Support Services by Zufall Health Center in Somerville

(908) 526-7444

*Sexual Assault crisis counseling and referrals.*

### NJ Child Abuse Hotline

(877) 652-2873

*To report suspected child abuse*

### National Domestic Violence Hotline\*\*

(800) 799-7233 (800) 787-3224 (TTY)

### National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline\*\*

(866) 331-9474

*Peer counseling and advocacy*

\*\*Please be aware that national hotlines may require you to wait on the line to speak to someone, due to high demand.

## Domestic Violence Facts

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain **power and control** over another partner in an intimate relationship.

Many abusive partners may seem absolutely perfect in the early stages of a relationship. Possessive and controlling behaviors don't always appear overnight, but rather emerge and intensify as the relationship grows.

Domestic violence is not just physical; there are emotional, financial, sexual, digital, coercion, and other tactics utilized to maintain power and control.

Leaving is often the most dangerous time for a victim of abuse, because abuse is about power and control. When a victim leaves, they are taking control and threatening the abusive partner's power, which could cause the abusive partner to retaliate in very destructive ways.

Aside from the potential danger of leaving there are many reasons victims of domestic violence may stay in the relationship including, but not limited to:

fear; believing the abuse is normal; fear of having sexual orientation or gender outed; embarrassment or shame; love for their partner; cultural or religious reasons; language barriers or immigration status; lack of money or resources; or disability status.

Source: [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

There is hope for those being affected by domestic violence.

Contact Safe+Sound Somerset's 24-hour Call/Text Hotline for support, information, and resources.  
(866) 685-1122

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*Please call the Office of Operations & Planning at (908) 704-6300 if you have questions about resources not listed in this brochure or to report updated contact information.*



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Information & Resources for

Somerset County

Residents



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Somerset County Department of Human Services  
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