



## DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2013, Pennsylvania saw 158 fatalities related to domestic violence in 36 counties throughout the state. ([www.pcadv.org](http://www.pcadv.org))
- 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 14 men in the United States will experience domestic violence at some point in their life. ([www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org))
- The period after a victim leaves or expresses a desire to leave is often the most dangerous and lethal. ([ndvh.org](http://ndvh.org))

### What Is Domestic Violence?

**Domestic violence can take different forms, but its goal is always the same. Batterers want to control their partners through fear by regularly abusing them, physically, sexually, psychologically and economically. Forms of domestic violence include physical abuse, verbal abuse, sexual violence and isolation.**



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### 24 Hour Confidential Hotline 800-642-3150

Laurel House is dedicated to the vision of ending domestic violence in each life, home and community.

### The mission of Laurel House is to:

- Advocate for and empower those impacted by domestic violence by providing crisis intervention, safe haven, supportive programs and resources
- Advance social change through preventative education and through community training and collaboration to foster a coordinated response to domestic abuse



**ASSISTING LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN  
RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS OF  
DOMESTIC ABUSE**

**DART on-call  
contact number:  
215-852-9826**



## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME, NOT A FAMILY MATTER!**

The Domestic Abuse Response Team's (DART) goal is to provide trained advocates for immediate, in-person response to victims of domestic violence when referred by law enforcement and/or medical personnel. Advocates are on call 24/7 to respond and offer crisis counseling, safety planning, assistance with Protection from Abuse Orders and resource referrals. Advocates will respond to the scene of the incident, the police department, the hospital or a safe location in order to meet with the victim.



The **DART** program also provides trainings about domestic violence for law enforcement and medical personnel.



A **DART** advocate is available  
**24 hours a day/7 days  
a week** by calling  
**215-852-9826.**



The **DART** program provides services to all Montgomery County police departments, hospitals and medical offices.

For additional information on the **DART** program, please contact Stacy Sweinhart at 610- 277-1860 ext 108 or [ssweinhart@laurel-house.org](mailto:ssweinhart@laurel-house.org).

## **ADVOCATES PROVIDE**

- Support & advocacy to victim
- Assistance in obtaining emergency shelter
- Assistance in obtaining a Protection From Abuse (PFA) order
- Assistance with child-related issues during investigation
- Emotional support at all court appearances
- Follow-up services with the victim to provide continued support
- Domestic violence education and safety planning
- Referrals to appropriate resources (i.e housing, counseling, childcare issues)

