SAFE ON SEVEN FORSYTH COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

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WHEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURS

DIAL 911

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

Important Phone Numbers

Winston-Salem Police Department

Non-Emergency(336)773-7700
Winston-Salem Police Department Victim Services (336)773-7860
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Non Emergency(336)727-2112
Kernersville Police Department Non Emergency(336)996-3177
Magistrate's Office (336)917-7693
District Attorney's Office (336)779-6310
Family Services, Inc. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 HOUR CRISIS LINE (336)723-8125
Family Services, Inc. SEXUAL ASSAULT 24 HOUR CRISIS LINE
Family Services Shelter (336)723-8125 Family Services Main Office (336)722-8173
Forsyth County Department of Social Services (336)703-3400
Children's Law Center (336)831-1909
Child Abuse/Neglect Report (336)703-2287
Domestic Violence Advocacy Center (Legal Aid of NC) (336)725-9162
North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service1-800-662-7660



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END THE VIOLENCE

A multi-agency partnership providing services to victims of domestic violence in one centralized location

Safe on Seven: Forsyth County Domestic Violence Center (SOS) is a multi-agency service center for victims of domestic violence. The Center is located on the seventh floor of the Forsyth County Hall of Justice at 200 N. Main Street in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Center provides a "one stop shop" by bringing together key service providers, such as law enforcement, victim advocates, legal advocates and social services.

In 2005, Forsyth County received a grant from the US Dept. of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, to create an integrated team for the prosecution of criminal and civil domestic violence cases and improve victims' access to community services. Previously, victims had to seek out services at multiple locations throughout the community. The Center helps minimize the difficulties victims face as they navigate the legal system. The overriding focus of the Center is victim safety and offender accountability. The US Dept. of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission. Forsyth County and Winston Salem Foundation have provided grant funds to support the continued work at Safe on Seven.

Clients of the Center are able to obtain legal assistance, advocacy, referrals and protective orders as well as information concerning their court cases. The on site partners include the District Attorney's Office, Family Services, Clerk of Court, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Legal Aid of N.C. and Winston-Salem Police Department.

SOS's Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM- -5:00 PM

PARTNER AGENCIES SERVICES DESCRIPTION

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT:

Assists in preparing victims of domestic violence for appearance in criminal court and serves as liaison to the prosecutor.

LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA, Inc:

Assists with the court process involving requests for civil restraining/protective orders (50B) and accepts requests for possible legal representation at civil restraining/protective order hearings.

CLERK OF COURT:

Assists with the court process involving requests for civil restraining/protective orders and processing these requests through the court system.

FAMILY SERVICES:

Provides assistance with risk assessment, safety planning, advocacy and referrals for additional services.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

Provides assistance with the application process for services such as Work First, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Child Support Enforcement and Childcare

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:

Provides research and analysis of the Safe on Seven project.

FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Provides information to clients on service of the restraining/protective orders and domestic violence related law enforcement issues. Serves as the liaison between the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff.

WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Provides follow up information and any further investigation that may be necessary about domestic violence incidents. They provide victim advocacy services through information, emotional support and referral.

KERNERSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Provides initial and follow up investigation and information regarding domestic violence incidents. May assist the victim with transportation, domestic stand-bys, and referral to community resources.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Specialized probation officers work closely with all members of Safe on Seven agencies to ensure accountability with domestic violence offenders.

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER:

Provides quality legal representation and advocacy for children in legal and administrative proceedings

SAFETY TIPS WHEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURS:

- Plan an emergency escape
- Keep money hidden to get away quickly
- Make extra keys to the car and house. Leave them in a safe and secret place
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers in a safe place
- Keep extra clothing for yourself and children at the house of a friend, relative or neighbor
- Know someone you can tell about the violence and who will call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from your house.
- Teach your children how to dial 911
- Develop a code word for use with your children and friends so they will know to call for help.