

Other Options

The Northwestern District Attorney's Office is continually striving to find new ways to maximize safety for victims of domestic violence. Through technological advances, new programs will become available that can assist victims beyond their homes.

For example, old cell phones can be reprogrammed as 911 emergency cell phones to assist victims in their workplace and as they travel about their daily routine. When activated, a signal is sent to the nearest state police dispatch center.

Many area police departments and battered women's programs have emergency cell phones available. If you feel a 911 cell phone may work for you, contact your local police department or one of the shelters listed in this brochure.



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Victim Witness Unit:

Hampshire County:

Northampton 1-413-586-5780

Hadley 1-413-584-9831

Franklin County:

Greenfield 1-413-772-6944

Orange 1-978-544-7376

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Northampton 1-413-586-4545

Greenfield 1-413-772-0806

Hadley 1-413-584-2650

Orange/Athol 1-978-544-9857

Shelter Referral/Advocacy *24 hours

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1-413-586-5066* 1-888-345-5282* (toll free)

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Toll Free 1-888-249-0806*

Everywoman's Center - UMASS

1-413-545-0800* 1-888-337-0800 *(toll free)

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1-800-832-1901* (voice/TTY) (toll free)

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The AWARE Program

What is It?

Victims of domestic violence do not need to feel alone in their struggle to be free from abuse. The Northwestern District Attorney's Office, police departments throughout Franklin and Hampshire Counties and ADT Security Company are working together to provide victims of domestic violence with effective ways to remain safe in their homes and to prevent further abuse.

The AWARE Program provides victims of domestic violence with personal safety alarms. Identified participants are given a silent alarm pendant allowing them priority police response in a domestic violence emergency. Pendants can be activated within a 200 foot radius of the home.



The AWARE Program

How Does It Work?

- ◆ Referrals for an alarm are made to the project coordinator. Referrals come from police, advocates and courts. Victims may also apply themselves.
- ◆ The coordinator meets with the potential recipient and describes the expectations of all parties involved.
- ◆ The recipient then signs an AWARE contract upon agreeing to the terms of the program.
- ◆ The coordinator will contact ADT in order to arrange installation of the alarm and provide the recipient's information to local police.
- ◆ Should the recipient activate the alarm, ADT will notify the police promptly.
- ◆ Police will respond in a priority manner.
- ◆ The AWARE program is confidential and is provided free of charge to recipients.
- ◆ Alarms are available for 6-12 months.

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What Do I Need To Do?

In order to receive an alarm, we strongly encourage recipients to:

- ◆ have an active restraining order against the abuser with a "no contact" or "vacate" order
- ◆ cooperate with the District Attorney's Office and the police when the use of the alarm results in an arrest
- ◆ refrain from allowing the abuser into the home
- ◆ refrain from posting bail for the abuser
- ◆ refrain from contacting the abuser unless absolutely necessary

The coordinator will contact recipients each month to offer support and to assess the continued need of the alarm. The alarm will only be removed if the recipient is no longer at risk or if the abuser is sentenced to jail for 120 days or more or if two (2) or more false alarms occur.

