

1 out of 3 women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime. <sup>1</sup>

1 in 5 female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner. <sup>1</sup>

1 in 3 teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, slapped, choked or physically hurt by his/her partner.<sup>2</sup>

Estimates say almost 1 million incidents of violence occur against a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend per year. <sup>3</sup>

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The Abuse Victim Hotline, Inc.'s (AV Hotline) vision, leadership, and action empower people to advance their roles, rights and well being.

AV Hotline provides support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We serve people without regard to age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, color or ability. We educate and inform children, youth and the community at large to prevent and eliminate the causes of domestic and sexual violence.

**Our services are**  
**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**and provided**  
**FREE of charge.**

**ABUSE VICTIM HOTLINE**

**500 BEACH STREET**

**REVERE, MA 02151**

**866.MOBILELAW**

**WWW.AVHOTLINE.ORG**

Operating Hours:  
M-F 8am-5pm

# ABUSE

## Knows

## No Boundaries



Rich. Poor. College graduate. High school drop-out. Abuse victims come from all walks of life.

Take the first step and get the help you deserve.

Accessing the AbuseVictimHotline is **FREE** and designed to be easy and anonymous.

**[www.AVHotline.org](http://www.AVHotline.org)**

**Call 1.866.MobileLaw**  
**Email Help@AVHotline.org**

- ❖ ANYONE can be a victim of abuse.
- ❖ We do NOT judge.
- ❖ We understand that abuse comes in MANY different forms, and that ANYONE can be affected.
- ❖ Abuse can be PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL and ECONOMIC.

### EXAMPLES OF ABUSE:

- abuse by an alcoholic spouse or parent
- abuse by a cheating spouse
- economic abuse by withholding support by a husband
- abuse by a person suffering from a variety of psychological disorders

## WHO SUFFERS FROM ABUSE:

- ✓ Husbands
- ✓ Wives
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Children
- ✓ Girlfriends
- ✓ Boyfriends

Our non-profit agency is dedicated to helping victims of abuse by providing preliminary **FREE** advice, direction, and counseling.

Through our toll free hotline and via email we guide, and counsel victims of abuse to help them find the proper resource or resources to address their needs, and, hopefully, correct the abuse.

Just call:

**866.MobileLaw**

For free, non-judgmental advice, direction and counsel

Or Email:

**Help@AVHotline.org**

Our service is free and our goal is to be the first step in helping you to free yourself from abuse.

The Abuse Victim Hotline, Inc. embraces the belief that all individuals should have equal access to political, legal, economic, and social rights. We strive to create a community that embraces diversity, recognizes oppression, promotes empowerment, and supports the right of all individuals to self-determination. We eagerly work for the day when violence against men, women and children is part of history rather than a part of our daily lives.