The Mission of WomenSafe is to provide emergency shelter and support services to survivors of domestic violence throughout Northeast Ohio.

What to TAKE

- Driver’s license / I.D.
- Your/Your children’s birth certificate
- Money, bank books, checkbooks, credit/ATM cards
- Ownership papers and/or payment books (mortgage & vehicle)
- Social security cards for you/your children
- Insurance documents
- Medical records and medications for you/your children
- Abuser’s social security number and license plate number
- Divorce and custody papers
- Copies of your protection orders
- Any documented abuse (journal/photos/emails/texts)
- Keys to house and car
- Items of particular sentiment
- Other:

What to TAKE

Important Phone Numbers:

- Geauga County Job & Family Services

Give HELP

Make a donation to WomenSafe at:
12041 Ravenna Road, Chardon, OH 44024
or online: www.womensafe.org

Donations to WomenSafe are tax deductible as provided by law.
Monthly needs list also posted at womensafe.org

Other ways to help:

- Become a WomenSafe volunteer.
- Invite a speaker to your next association meeting or function.
- Publicize the COPEline number and WomenSafe by placing brochures, posters or other educational materials at places you frequent (all available free from WomenSafe).
- Plan a fundraiser for WomenSafe.

WomenSafe is proud to be supported by a variety of funders. They include:
government agencies, corporations, foundations, and community and individual donors.

United Way Services of Geauga County

WomenSafe has been CARF-accredited since 2008. CARF-accredited programs have demonstrated that they meet internationally recognized standards. Clients can be confident that a commitment has been made by the organization to continually enhance the quality of its programs.

24 Hour Crisis Support Is Available,
Call COPEline
1-888-285-5665
TTY Accessible via Ohio Relay
1-800-750-0750

12041 Ravenna Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024
Phone 440.286.7154
Fax 440.286.1037
www.womensafe.org
**about US**

WomenSafe is a non-profit organization that provides free support to anyone experiencing violence in their home or dating relationship. This includes comprehensive programming for adults and children.

*Domestic violence refers to a pattern of abusive and violent behavior that one person uses to exercise power and control over another.*

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY INCLUDE:**

- **Physical Abuse**
  - Hitting
  - Biting
  - Choking
  - Hair pulling
  - Shoving
  - Throwing objects

- **Verbal Abuse**
  - Yelling
  - Name calling
  - Threats to hurt or kill
  - Constant blaming

- **Emotional Abuse**
  - Isolation from others
  - Ridicule
  - Abuse of pets
  - Tracking whereabouts
  - Monitoring conversations

- **Sexual Abuse**
  - Constant sexual demands
  - Forcing unwanted sexual acts
  - Making demeaning sexual remarks
  - Sabotaging birth control

- **Financial/Resource Abuse**
  - Controlling money
  - Demanding an account for all expenditures
  - Destruction of property
  - Taking keys, purse, or cell phone

---

**get HELP**

WomenSafe offers the following services to those in need free of charge:

- **Emergency Shelter**—WomenSafe staffs and supports a home-like environment for abused adults and children. All basic necessities are provided.

- **Counseling**—Licensed counselors work with individuals residing in shelter or in the community to recover from the effects of living in an abusive environment.

- **Art Therapy**—Using art and other media, an art therapist helps victims process the effects of witnessing violence.

- **Court Advocacy**—Trained advocates accompany clients and their children to attorney, court, or social service agency appointments.

- **Hospital Advocacy**—Advocates go to hospital bedsides to discuss WomenSafe services and offer support to anyone requesting information.

- **Outreach Services**—All staff assist with providing education on domestic violence and offer supportive listening. Additionally, support groups have been created with special populations in mind, including a trauma group for adolescents and an adult peer group for women.

- **Aftercare/Re-establishment**—Follow up communication and visits are offered to previous clients to provide support, household necessities and links with other programs.

---

**ready to LEAVE**

- Identify a variety of ways to get out of your home safely and practice your escape methods. **Helpful hints:**
  - During an explosive incident, try to stay in a room with access to an exit (NOT the kitchen).
  - Try to stay in a room with a phone to call 911.
  - Inform law enforcement if weapons are in the home.

- Pack a bag with medications, important documents, money, keys, etc. and hide it *(see reverse)*.

- Arrange a signal and/or code word with neighbors, children or extended family to let them know when you need help.

- Plan where you will go: shelter, friend/family home, hotel.

- When appropriate, advise employer of situation and ask for reasonable accommodations (move desk, new extension, work with the reception staff).

- Beware of possible tracking mechanisms and how to turn them off (cell phones, GPS devices, etc.).

- If you need to use the internet, make sure you do so at locations that are not accessed by your abuser (library, friend’s home, or ask for permission at work).