Is someone you love crossing the line?

No one loves you as much as I do...

...you don’t need family.

I want to protect you...

...by making the hard decisions.

You know I love you...

...that’s why I get so angry.

I understand you...

...others will think you are a crazy fool.

I will take care of you...

...you couldn’t make it out there without me.

Our family comes first...

...and anyone who tries to break us up will pay.

I love you so much...

...I will kill you before I’ll let you leave.

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West Virginia Licensed Domestic Violence Programs

Beckley Area 304-255-2559 Voice/TTY 1-888-825-7856
Charleston Area 1-800-681-8663 Voice/TTY
Elkins Area 1-800-339-1185 Voice/TTY
Fairmont Area 304-367-1100 Voice 304-367-1101 TTY only
Huntington Area 1-888-538-9838 Voice/TTY
Keyser Area 1-800-698-1240 Voice 304-788-6556 TTY only
Lewisburg Area 304-645-6334 Voice/TTY 1-866-645-6334
Martinsburg Area 304-263-8292 Voice/TTY

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (Voice) 1-800 787-3224 (TTY)

Morgantown Area 304-292-5100 Voice/TTY
Parkersburg Area 1-800-794-2335 Voice/TTY
Welch Area 304-436-8117 Voice/TTY 1-800-688-6157
Weirton 304-797-1489
Wheeling Area 1-800-698-1247 Voice/TTY
Williamson Area 304-235-6121 Voice/TTY 1-800-478-2211

Statewide Domestic Violence Prevention Office
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence 304-965-3552 (Voice/TTY) • www.wvcadv.org
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1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233)
How do I know when someone I love crosses the line?

No matter what type of relationship you are in, (husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend, parent and child, caretaker, and care receiver, lesbian or gay) if the other person is hurting you emotionally and/or physically, they are crossing the line that causes you harm.

Crossing the line generally does not happen suddenly. It is more like a series of events leading to a place that you never thought you would be. If anything listed below is happening in your life, the line of safety is being crossed.

- Putting you down; playing mind games; making you feel guilty.
- Controlling what you do, who you see and talk to, what you read, where you go; limiting your outside involvement; using jealousy to justify actions.
- Using the children/grandchildren to control you.
- Using looks and/or actions to scare you.
- Controlling the family income; keeping you from working; making you ask for money; or taking your money.
- Making and/or carrying out threats.
- Making light of the abuse; saying the abuse didn’t happen; blaming the abuse on you.
- Destroying property; abusing pets; displaying weapons.
- Slapping, hitting, pushing, holding you down, choking, or pulling your hair.

If someone you love is crossing the line of safety, tell someone you trust.

What can I do?

If someone is hurting you, it is not your fault and you are not alone. Talk with someone you trust – a good friend, a caring health care or social worker, a sensitive family member, or an understanding person from your faith community. Talk with someone who will:

- Listen to you.
- Believe you.
- Not blame you.
- Not discriminate against you.
- Keep what you tell them confidential.
- Allow you to make your own decisions.

Domestic violence advocates are often the best people to talk with in order to understand your rights. They are there to help you identify choices and to help you look at the risks and benefits of these choices. They will not pressure you to do something you are not ready or able to do. And they will keep what you tell them confidential. They are there to listen, inform and support you. Only you can decide what is best for you.

Contact information for domestic violence advocates in your area are listed on the back panel of this brochure.