



Safe Berks is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment where all staff, residents, clients, board members, and volunteers feel safe.

Who are we?

Safe Berks is the domestic violence and sexual assault center for Berks County.

We can help:

HOTLINE & TEXT LINE:

 Hotline and text line available in all languages 24/7/365

RESIDENTIAL:

- Temporary emergency shelter for survivors of domestic/sexual violence and their children in our secure facility, staffed 24/7/365
- Safety/goal planning, case management, housing advocacy, community resources & referrals, and children's activities

LEGAL SERVICES:

- Accompaniment/assistance with Protection From Abuse/Sexual Violence Protection Orders (PFA/SVPO) filings, police interviews, and court hearings related to the abuse
- Attorney representation at final PFA/SVPO hearings
- Referrals offered for immigration, custody, and divorce matters

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & RESPONSE (COR):

- On-site response and advocacy 24/7/365 at all local healthcare facilities
- On-site response and advocacy at local colleges and community partner sites
- Specialized educational programming including the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) for law enforcement



COUNSELING:

- In-person or virtual Trauma-Informed Empowerment Counseling for survivors and their supportive family/friends
- DV/SA Support Groups for adults and youth
- Financial Empowerment Counseling focused on economic and housing goals, assistance in recovery from financial abuse, and building financial stability

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

- Education and Awareness programming for all ages
- Primary Prevention Programming for Berks County School Districts
- · Camp Safe Berks for youth
- · Advocate Training for volunteers

PET RESOURCES:

- Pet food, supplies, and veterinary care available
- Assistance with emergency short-term boarding and/or foster home care for survivors' pets

Safe Berks is a place of safety, respect, empowerment, education, and hope for domestic and sexual violence survivors. All services are survivor-focused and trauma-informed.



Educate • Advocate • End Abuse

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Safe Berks is a member agency of the United Way of Berks County.