

SafePlace offers these *free* and *confidential* services to people experiencing all forms of domestic violence and sexual abuse:

- ❖ A safe place to stay
- ❖ Drop-in center Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1-3pm to meet with someone to help you plan for your safety, talk about your feelings, and connect you with resources
- ❖ 24/7 available phone line to connect you with resources, plan for your safety, and process your feelings
- ❖ Someone to go with you to court if you need a protection order
- ❖ Legal clinic to speak with a volunteer attorney every first and third Thursdays at 6pm
- ❖ Weekly support group with others who share similar experiences
- ❖ Free cell phones to call 911
- ❖ Gift cards for food, groceries, & gas*
- ❖ Spanish speaking staff and telephone translation services for other languages
- ❖ Educational presentations and outreach

*Not all financial resources are available at all times.

SafePlace's Mission

We strive to stop sexual and domestic violence and advocate for personal empowerment and societal change through crisis intervention and education.



SafePlace provides services for survivors of domestic violence regardless of age, ethnicity, immigration/refugee status, race, culture, level of education, gender identity, sexual orientation, class position, faith, veteran status, the presence of physical, sensory or mental disability, marital status, or pregnancy status.



24-hour Crisis Line
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SafePlace 
freedom from violence



Are you safe in your
relationship?

Domestic Violence in Asian and
Pacific Islander (API) Communities

What is Domestic Violence?

It Can Happen to Anyone...

People of all races are equally vulnerable to abuse no matter their social standing or educational background. It is a societal problem, not a person one.

Multiple people can inflict violence, not only spouses. You do not have to suffer in silence to be a good spouse, partner, parent, child, sibling, in-law, caregiver, coworker, family member or friend.

It's Not Just Physical...

It can be sexual, economic, and/or emotional. It's about living in a climate of fear.

Often times it is experienced with oppressions based on race, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, class, type of labor performed, level of education, colonialism and imperialism, English proficiency, and immigration status, etc.

The lives of abused Asian and Pacific Islanders are shadowed by the cultural burdens of shame and devaluation.



10 Things You Can Say to Support an API Survivor of Domestic Violence

1. I'm afraid for your safety
2. I'm afraid for the safety of your children/family
3. You don't deserve to be controlled or abused
4. This is not your fault
5. There are places to call for help
6. I know that you are doing the best that you can to keep your family safe
7. Your ancestors are proud of you and the work you are doing
8. I am proud of you and the work you are doing
9. This time in your life is difficult, and I am here
10. I support you no matter what



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you are detained by immigration or the police:

- Hand the card to the official and remain silent.
- The card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have consulted with a lawyer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent and the right to refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney. Thank you.

What if I'm Afraid of Deportation?

Sometimes survivors stay in abusive relationships because they are afraid of law enforcement. Legal protections are in place to help immigrant survivors of domestic violence:

Violence Against Women Act

For victims of domestic violence who are the child, parent, or current/former spouse of U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder) abusers. VAWA applies equally to women and men.

U Nonimmigrant Status

For victims of qualifying U.S. crimes who are helpful to law enforcement in the investigation and/or prosecution of that crime.

T Nonimmigrant Status

For victims of trafficking for labor or commercial sex purpose through force, fraud, or coercion. Victim must assist law enforcement with the investigation and prosecution.

Asylum

For victims unable/unwilling to return to their country of origin due to fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in particular social group.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

For child victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect by one or both parents; must have juvenile court order.

“Asian and Pacific Islander culture and language center around the individual in the context of the extended family and community. To understand oneself independent of a family or community context raises fear and reinforces isolation.”