

Domestic and Dating Violence Services Newsletter

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Due to the pandemic, victims of domestic violence may be unaware that Safe Journey remains open to provide the services they need to break free from abuse.

Safe Journey is calling on the community to get the word out that "We are here for you!"

We are offering free materials for businesses and other locations to distribute to victims and their families, or to anyone else who wants information about our domestic violence services.

These materials highlight Safe Journey's services, especially our new online counseling and chat options. We have:

- "Table toppers" that can be placed on counters and tabletops at your location.
- Tear-off sheets that can be placed inside shopping bags at the point of purchase.
- Adhesive sheets that can be attached to pizza boxes and other take-out containers.

Safe Journey also gratefully accepts financial donations to support victims. Please call us at (814) 438-2675 to get your materials or to make a donation. Together, we can make a difference!



A pandemic. Face masks. Social distancing. Remote schooling. Zoom.

2020 challenged everyone, especially victims of domestic violence. Covid-19 provided another calculated excuse for abusers to isolate and control their vulnerable victims.

Despite the pandemic, Safe Journey remains open to provide free services to those innocent victims and their children. We are the only agency that offers full services for victims in rural Erie County. We do what we can to help victims.

There is good news. The pandemic has driven us to expand our outreach by using technology.

PurpleOne domestic violence awareness trainings now are held virtually via Zoom. We've also added online counseling that allows victims to communicate virtually with our counselor advocates. An online chat option is available, too. We also developed a TV commercial, radio spots, billboards, flyers, EMTA bus ads, and videos on social media to reach out to victims.

A pandemic may come once in a lifetime, but domestic violence is a plague that infects society every minute of every day. We are dedicated to making 2021 a healthier, safer year for all victims.

PurpleOne domestic violence awareness training.

Safe Journey will hold a PurpleOne domestic violence awareness training on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, from noon to 4:30 p.m. The training will be held virtually via Zoom.

PurpleOne educates individuals on how to recognize and respond to domestic violence and how to refer victims to Safe Journey's free and confidential services. The training also teaches participants how to safely become prosocial bystanders in case they encounter a scene of possible domestic violence in a public setting.

Businesses, organizations, and agencies with at least one PurpleOne-trained individual on staff are eligible for certification as a PurpleOne Safe Place, where victims of domestic violence can obtain information about Safe Journey's services. Certified locations display a PurpleOne Safe Place Dot.

Since February 2019 about 370 individuals have been trained, with about 70 locations certified as Safe Places. Register for the Feb. 17 PurpleOne training at PurpleOne.org.

And don't forget to visit us on social media at [facebook.com/mysafejourney](https://www.facebook.com/mysafejourney).



You can make 2021 a banner year to support victims of domestic violence.

Your location is invited to display a popup banner promoting Safe Journey's free and confidential services that help victims of domestic and their children escape abusive relationships.

The vertical banner takes up little space, but makes a large statement about your commitment to end domestic violence in your community.

Call Safe Journey at (814) 438-2675 to reserve your banner.

TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE ABUSE.

**FIGHT
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

Help end the silence. Report it if you see it.

Safe Journey video series.

Safe Journey is producing a series of videos that deal with various aspects of domestic violence.

The goals are to encourage victims to seek our free services and to educate the public about how domestic violence affects victims and their children.

The videos speak directly to victims, offering hope and an invitation for them to contact Safe Journey if they need help or just want someone to talk to without being judged.

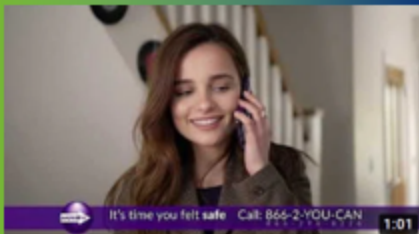
The videos may be viewed online at YouTube.

The debut video, featuring Safe Journey Executive Director Lori Palisin, already is online. It welcomes victims to reach out for help when they are ready and offers an overview of Safe Journey's services.

"We want victims to know that domestic violence is never their fault. Nobody deserves to be abused," Palisin said. "These videos give us another way to let victims know we care and are here to help."



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NEW SERVICES
VIRTUAL COUNSELING
ONLINE CHAT

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**
IN PERSON | ONLINE | ON THE PHONE

IT'S TIME YOU FELT SAFE

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL AND SAFE CONVERSATIONS, COUNSELING AND SERVICES FOR VICTIMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

- Emotional Support
- Chat with a Counselor Online or In-Person
- Virtual and In Person Support Groups
- Emergency Shelter

Domestic Violence
isn't Just Physical Abuse.
IT'S ALL ABUSE.
*Physical. Emotional. Sexual.
Mental. Financial.*
CONTROL OVER YOUR LIFE.

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