

## Do you?

- Feel afraid of your partner much of the time?
- Avoid certain topics out of fear of making your partner angry?
- Feel you can't do anything right with your partner?
- Believe it is your fault that you're being mistreated or hurt?
- Feel helpless?

## Does your partner?

- Humiliate you?
- Criticize you or put you down?
- Ignore or put down your opinions and accomplishments?
- Blame you for their own abusive behavior?
- Hurt you physically? When you are asleep or by surprise?
- Threaten to hurt or kill you?
- Threaten to take your children away or harm them?
- Force you to have sex?
- Destroy your belongings?
- Limit your access to money, the phone, or the car?
- Keep you from seeing your friends or family?
- Act excessively jealous and possessive?
- See you as property or a sex object rather than a person?
- Sabotage your job by making you miss work or calling you constantly?
- Steal from you or take your money?

**Mission:** Our mission is to cultivate safety, empowerment and healing in an alliance with the adults, teens and children affected by domestic and sexual violence while mobilizing the community to promote social change that will reduce power-based violence, control and oppression.

**Vision:** We envision a community with the strength and knowledge to support all individuals in their journey to maintain physical and emotional safety.

### Main Office

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**SAFE in Hunterdon is friendly and accessible to the deaf community and persons who are hard of hearing.**

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### Member agency of:

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
United Way of Hunterdon County

**Serving victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse for over 35 years.**

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## Common Myths

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The myth that if a boy experienced sexual arousal during abuse, he wanted and/or enjoyed it, and if he ever did partly want the sexual experiences, then they were his fault.

The myth that sexual abuse is less harmful to boys than girls.

The myth that most men who sexually abuse boys are gay.

The myth that boys abused by males must have attracted the abuse because they are gay or they become gay as a result.

The myth that if a female used or abused a boy, he was “lucky,” and if he doesn’t feel that way there is something wrong with him.

**YOU'RE NOT ALONE** Men are often reluctant to report abuse experienced by women due to feeling embarrassed, feeling they won't be believed or that the police will assume that they are the abuser and not the victim.

Yet, although you may face a shortage of resources, skepticism, or legal obstacles when it comes to custody of your children, you can overcome these challenges and escape the abuse.

## How we can help

Safe in Hunterdon provides free and confidential services to men in abusive intimate or marriage relationships. **There are many forms of violence:**

**Domestic:** Occurs when one person tries to dominate the other person and at times utilizes physical violence.

**Sexual:** Occurs when one person is forced to participate in unwanted, degrading sexual activity with the other person.

**Emotional:** Occurs when one person endures yelling, name-calling, blaming, shaming, isolation, and intimidation from the other person.

**Economic/Financial:** Occurs when one person's finances are used to control or manipulate the other person.

*1 in 6 men have experienced abusive sexual experiences before age 18 and 1 in 5 males experience sexual violence other than rape at some point in their lives.*

## Services

Safe in Hunterdon is a non-profit charitable organization that provides free confidential services including:

### 24 Hour Hotline Assistance

**Crisis Intervention** - Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) made up of male and female responders who provide emotional support, information, safety planning, and community resources.

### Counseling, Advocacy and Creative Arts Therapy

### Child & Adolescent Services

**Legal Advocacy** - Provide information about survivor's rights under New Jersey state law. In addition, a legal advocate is available to accompany and support individuals in family court and provide information of restraining orders.

**Safe's Legal HAVEN** - A network of attorneys that assists those who are plaintiffs in final restraining order hearings due to domestic violence.

**Economic Empowerment** - Workshops utilizing curriculums to assist clients in enhancing their financial stability.