

## WHAT IF I OR SOMEONE I KNOW IS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED?

In approximately 86% of sexual assaults, the victim knows the perpetrator.

If you, or someone you know, has been sexually assaulted, please consider some of the following options:

- Seek medical attention as soon as possible at any of the four hospital emergency departments in Onondaga County. Specially trained nurses and advocates are available to support you. They can collect evidence and offer medications to prevent HIV, sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.
- Call Vera House's 24-Hour Support Line. A trained counselor will listen and offer support as you decide what to do next.
- Call 911 if you want to report the sexual assault to police.

If you have been sexually assaulted, it is not your fault.

Vera House offers individual and group counseling for survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse, and their family members. Free counseling is available for adults and children.

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## DOES SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU...

- threaten you, your children, pets, family and/or friends?
- call you names or yell at you in public or private?
- cause you to feel afraid, crazy, unsure, or confused?
- not allow you to see family or friends?
- hit, kick, push, or physically restrain you?
- force you to do any sexual act against your will?
- keep you from using your phone, car, money or other shared possessions?
- ignore or make fun of your feelings?
- act jealous or possessive?
- question your status as a "real" lesbian, gay man, or bi-sexual?
- threaten to 'out' you to family, friends, co-workers, or other people in your life?
- destroy, hide or not fix communication devices or adaptive equipment?
- withhold or change your medication?
- steal your things or force you to sign things you don't understand?
- provide inadequate care?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you may be a victim of abuse. Please call our 24-Hour Support Line or visit our Online Support Chat for help.

24-Hour Support Line  
 315-468-3260

Web Chat Support  
 8:30am - 9pm  
[www.verahouse.org/online-chat-service](http://www.verahouse.org/online-chat-service)

TTY Support Line  
 315-484-7263 (business hours)  
[www.verahouse.org](http://www.verahouse.org)

New York State Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline  
 1-800-942-6906  
[www.opdv.ny.gov](http://www.opdv.ny.gov)

R.A.I.N.N. Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network  
 1-800-656-HOPE  
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

## ARE YOU SAFE?



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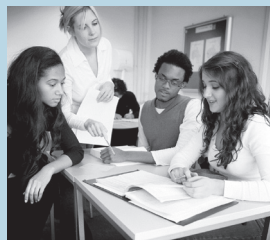
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DEDICATED TO ENDING  
DOMESTIC & SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE



## WHO WE ARE

Vera House is a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence service agency providing shelter, advocacy, and counseling services for adults & children, education and prevention programs and community coordination.



Vera House is committed to ensuring our programs and services are welcoming to everyone.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- **24-Hour Support Line (315) 468-3260**  
Support & information for victims, community members and professionals
- **Online Support Chat (verahouse.org/online-chat-service)**  
A safe & confidential way to connect with Vera House from 8:30am-9pm EST
- **Advocacy Program**  
Support & advocacy for victims of domestic & sexual violence and elder abuse
- **Clinical Services: Rape Crisis & Sexual Assault Services**  
Crisis response, counseling, advocacy & referrals for adults and children
- **Youth Counseling Services**  
Individual, family & group counseling for youth
- **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE)**  
24-hour response for victims of sexual assault
- **Emergency Shelter Services**  
Confidential sheltering services for adults of all ages and their children
- **Alternatives and Steps Programs**  
Education & accountability for people with abusive behaviors
  - **Community & Prevention Education Program**  
School-based, community & professional programs on domestic & sexual violence, healthy relationships and elder abuse
  - **Men Lead by Example**  
Engaging men and youth in efforts to prevent domestic & sexual violence
  - **Pet Foster Care Program**  
Vera House partners with local animal care groups to provide short-term stays for pets
  - **Syracuse Area Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition**  
Coordinated community response to domestic & sexual violence and elder abuse
  - **Volunteer Program**  
Trained volunteers serve in many different areas

