

Is someone you love **CROSSING THE LINE?**

No one loves you
as much as I do...

**...you don't need
family.**

I want to
protect you...

**...by making the
hard decisions.**

You know I love you...

**...that's why I get
so angry.**

I understand you...

**...others will think
you are a crazy
fool.**

I will take care
of you...

**...you couldn't
make it out there
without me.**

Our family
comes first...

**...and anyone who
tries to break us
up will pay.**

I love you so
much...

**...I will kill you
before I'll let
you leave.**

West Virginia Licensed Domestic Violence Programs

Beckley Area	304-255-2559 1-888-825-7856	Voice/TTY
Charleston Area	1-800-681-8663	Voice/TTY
Elkins Area	1-800-339-1185	Voice/TTY
Fairmont Area	304-367-1100 304-367-1101	Voice TTY only
Huntington Area	1-888-538-9838	Voice/TTY
Keyser Area	1-800-698-1240 304-788-6556	Voice TTY only
Lewisburg Area	304-645-6334 1-866-645-6334	Voice/TTY
Martinsburg Area	304-263-8292	Voice/TTY

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (Voice) 1-800 787-3224 (TTY)

Morgantown Area	304-292-5100	Voice/TTY
Parkersburg Area	1-800-794-2335	Voice/TTY
Welch Area	304-436-8117 1-800-688-6157	Voice/TTY
Weirton	304-797-1489	
Wheeling Area	1-800-698-1247	Voice/TTY
Williamson Area	304-235-6121 1-800-478-2211	Voice/TTY

Statewide Domestic Violence Prevention Office
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
304-965-3552 (Voice/TTY) • www.wvcadv.org

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1-800-799-SAFE

(1-800-799-7233)



How do I know when someone I love

CROSSES THE LINE?

No matter what type of relationship you are in, (husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend, parent and child, caretaker, and care receiver, lesbian or gay) if the other person is hurting you emotionally and/or physically, they are crossing the line that causes you harm.

Crossing the line generally does not happen suddenly. It is more like a series of events leading to a place that you never thought you would be. If anything listed below is happening in your life, the line of safety is being crossed.

- Putting you down; playing mind games; making you feel guilty.
- Controlling what you do, who you see and talk to, what you read, where you go; limiting your outside involvement; using jealousy to justify actions.
- Using the children/grandchildren to control you.
- Using looks and/or actions to scare you.
- Controlling the family income; keeping you from working; making you ask for money; or taking your money.
- Making and/or carrying out threats.
- Making light of the abuse; saying the abuse didn't happen; blaming the abuse on you.
- Destroying property; abusing pets; displaying weapons.
- Slapping, hitting, pushing, holding you down, choking, or pulling your hair.

*If someone you love is crossing the line of safety, **tell someone you trust.***

What can I do?

If someone is hurting you, it is not your fault and you are not alone. Talk with someone you trust – a good friend, a caring health care or social worker, a sensitive family member, or an understanding person from your faith community. Talk with someone who will:

- Listen to you.
- Believe you.
- Not blame you.
- Not discriminate against you.
- Keep what you tell them confidential.
- Allow you to make your own decisions.

Domestic violence advocates are often the best people to talk with in order to understand your rights. They are there to help you identify choices and to help you look at the risks and benefits of these choices. They will not pressure you to do something you are not ready or able to do. And they will keep what you tell them confidential. They are there to listen, inform and support you. Only you can decide what is best for you.

Contact information for domestic violence advocates in your area are listed on the back panel of this brochure.

