



# NYC GO PURPLE DAY

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

#NYCGoPurple

## What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that occurs between family members and/or intimate partners to gain power and control. Intimate partners include your current or former husband/wife or boyfriend/girlfriend, your child's mother/father, or a partner that you live with or used to live with. Domestic violence can take the form of physical, sexual, psychological, or economic abuse. Domestic violence occurs in every country, in every neighborhood, among people of all races, cultures, religions, or income levels. It can happen to you whatever your age, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Domestic violence is a crime.

## Domestic Violence in New York City

In 2015 in New York City:

- There were 85,172 calls to the NYC Domestic Violence Hotline – over 230 per day.
- The NYC Domestic Violence Hotline received almost 7,000 requests for domestic violence shelter – 19 per day.
- The NYPD responded to over 74,000 intimate partner-related domestic incident reports – over 200 per day.
- There were 26 intimate partner-related homicides in New York City.

## How Can I Participate?

- Wear purple to raise awareness about domestic violence and to stand in solidarity with survivors.
- Post your NYC Go Purple photos on social media with the caption “I stand with survivors of Domestic Violence by \_\_\_\_\_” and use the hashtag **#NYCGoPurple**.
- Know the resources available for individuals seeking help:
  - \* In an emergency, dial 911.
  - \* If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call 311 and ask for the City's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline.
  - \* You can also walk into any one of our New York City Family Justice Centers to receive FREE and CONFIDENTIAL assistance to survivors of intimate partner violence, sex trafficking and elder abuse. We welcome people of all ages, sexual orientations and gender identities, regardless of what language you speak, your immigration status or your income. All Centers are open Monday through Friday from 9am – 5pm. No appointment necessary.
  - \* To learn more, call 311 or go to [nyc.gov/domesticviolence](http://nyc.gov/domesticviolence).

The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV) formulates policies and programs, coordinates the citywide delivery of domestic violence services and works with diverse communities and community leaders to increase awareness of domestic violence. OCDV collaborates closely with government and nonprofit agencies that assist domestic violence survivors and operates the New York City Family Justice Centers.