



Northwest Hospital's DOVE Program

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This is a follow-up by Northwest Hospital's DOVE Program in partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department in reference to a recent domestic occurrence.

DOVE is community based domestic violence agency that works with those who have experienced, or are experiencing, domestic violence. The Mission Statement is to provide crisis intervention, advocacy and treatment to victims of domestic violence in a compassionate, non-judgmental manner, within a hospital and community setting to empower victims to make decisions that will enhance safety and self-sufficiency.

DOVE provides the following services:

- 24/7 Response to victims seeking treatment in the hospital.
- Safety Planning and short time crisis counseling.
- Connections to local agencies for therapy, shelter and legal services.
- Connection with court advocates for court accompaniment.
- **All services are free of charge.**

Protective Order Representation:

DOVE has a Legal Attorney to assist in applying and representing victims of domestic abuse. Call a DOVE Advocate for more information. An order of protection from the court can:



- Order abuser from further abuse, harassment or contact.
- Order abuser to vacate from the residence and remain away from residence, place of employment school, etc.
- Award temporary child custody.
- Court can determine other relief as deemed necessary by the sitting Judge.

Domestic Violence is sometimes referred to as an intimate violence because the physical or emotional harmful acts occur between individuals in an intimate relationship. Abuse between intimate partners can take many forms and may include emotional or verbal abuse; denial of access to resources or money; restraint of normal activities or freedom (including isolation from friends & family); sexual coercion or assault; threats to kill or harm; and physical intimidation or attacks. In extreme cases, domestic violence can result in death.

Trust your instincts, if you sense danger, get to a safe place!

Contact information:

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 ... **(410) 496-7555**

24-hour Crisis Hotline: Baltimore County Domestic Violence Hotline

 ... **(410) 828-6390**

Love is Respect! / No Excuses!