For a referral to local resources, contact SCCADVASA during office hours at 803-256-2900. Or, you can always call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for 24-hour assistance.

Domestic violence impacts thousands of people in our communities every day:

- **36,000** incidents are reported to Law Enforcement every year (SC Attorney General’s Office)
- SC has ranked in the top ten states for the rates of women killed by men every year for the past 17 years.
- In 2015, SCCADVASA’s member organizations answered over **18,000 hotline calls**.

**Other ways you can help:**

Learn about domestic violence and become a spokesperson in your community.

Donate to SCCADVASA or your local domestic violence organization.

Volunteer your time at your local shelter.
It is difficult for victims in an abusive relationship to talk about what is happening. Let them tell you their story in their own way. Don’t interrupt to tell them what they should do. Let them know you are available to listen whenever they may need it.

Ask them if they are safe. Encourage them to call their local domestic violence organization to make a safety plan for themselves and their children.

Offer to help them find local resources and help by contacting SCCADVASA (803-256-2900) or looking at our website (www.sccadvasa.org).

Be supportive of the choices the victim makes even if you do not understand why. Leaving a relationship is very difficult and becomes even more so when it is abusive. Even if they stay in the relationship, or leave and return again, your continued support is helpful so they can find a path to safety.