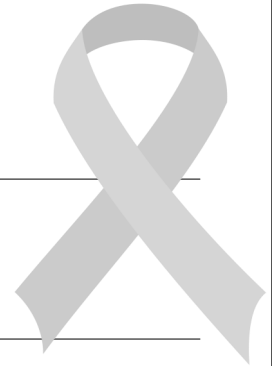


Safe Space

January 2015 Newsletter



NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

What Is Stalking?

According to the Stalking Resource center, 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States. Stalking is defined as "a course of conduct directed at a certain person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear."

Thirty-one percent of women, who are stalked, are by a current or former intimate partner are also sexually assaulted by that partner. Research indicates that the typical rapist, stranger and non-stranger, premeditates and plans his attack using multiple strategies to make the victim vulnerable such as alcohol or increasing levels of violence.

Rapist routinely engages in following, surveillance, information gathering and voyeurism prior to a sexual assault. After an assault, the rapist frequently threatens the victim, attempts to frame the incident [thinks and talks about the incidents as though it were consensual], and maintains contact. FBI research with incarcer-

ated rapists reveal that the rapists pick their victims based on observation and stalked several women at a time waiting for an opportunity to commit sexual assault.

Staff at Safe Space have been trained to help victims find an awareness of the stalking sexual assault link and can provide information on the opportunities available for holding the offender accountable. Information such as increasing the criminal charge, filing a stalking protective order, and crime specific safety planning are issues that advocates can help with.

Advocates are also available to listen to the victims experiences and help validate the stalking and sexual assault link. For more information call our 24 hour crisis line at 406-782-8511 or our office at 406-782-9807.

Sonja Foster
Sexual Assault Specialist
*Excerpts and data provided by:
www.fcasr.org*

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SHELTER

24 Hour Crisis Hotline

Emergency Shelter Available Every Night and Day

ADVOCACY

Financial

Legal

Medical/Mental Health

Parenting & Child Care

Employment

Housing

SAFETY

If you feel unsafe in your home, but are not ready to leave, call an advocate to discuss options to keep you safe, how to prepare to leave, and more!

STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.

**NATIONAL STALKING
AWARENESS MONTH**

JANUARY 2015

<http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org>

Stalking
Resource Center

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR
Victims of Crime

www.VictimsOfCrime.org/src www.VictimsOfCrime.org



Stop the Stalking: Steps to Safety

“Shopping for groceries, dropping off the kids at school, going to work... I was afraid to go anywhere. I never knew where I might see them.”

Stalking is a crime in Montana (*see insert below*). The intention to set fear into a person through the means of stalking is very real. How can you protect yourself?

Safe Space encourages victims of stalking to keep a journal of all the unwanted contact—by phone, text, email, social media, in-person and through third parties such as friends and family members. In your journal, document the steps you have taken to

stop the unwanted contact—blocking phone numbers or contact on social media, using safety techniques (next paragraph), and not initiating or responding to the contact. When these tactics do not work, and the stalker continues to use unwanted contact to attempt to coerce or frighten you, it is time to contact local law enforcement.

Safety techniques start with understanding what your schedule is. Do you always take the same route to drop off the kids and go to work? Try different routes, or carpool on occasion. When you are leaving work, do you return to your vehicle alone? Try

to talk to your supervisor about leaving to the parking lot with others—there is strength in numbers. Additional safety techniques are able to be explored by speaking with a trained Safe Space advocate.

Other options and more severe responses to stalking behavior may need to be taken, such as requesting an Order of Protection or working with law enforcement to report the stalking. For additional details, contact Safe Space 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Safe Space encourages Butte and all of Montana to start talking about stalking!

Stalking: KNOW IT! Montana Code Annotated 45-5-220

45-5-220. Stalking -- exemption -- penalty. (1) A person commits the offense of stalking if the person purposely or knowingly causes another person substantial emotional distress or reasonable apprehension of bodily injury or death by repeatedly:

(a) following the stalked person; or

(b) harassing, threatening, or intimidating the stalked person, in person or by mail, electronic communication, as defined in [45-8-213](#), or any other action, device, or method.

(2) This section does not apply to a constitutionally protected activity.

(3) For the first offense, a person convicted of stalking shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 year or fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000, or both. For a second or

subsequent offense or for a first offense against a victim who was under the protection of a restraining order directed at the offender, the offender shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term not to exceed 5 years or fined an amount not to exceed \$10,000, or both. A person convicted of stalking may be sentenced to pay all medical, counseling, and other costs incurred by or on behalf of the victim as a result of the offense.

(4) Upon presentation of credible evidence of violation of this section, an order may be granted, as set forth in Title 40, chapter 15, restraining a person from engaging in the activity described in subsection (1).

(5) For the purpose of determining the number of convictions under this section, "conviction" means:

(a) a conviction, as defined in [45-2-101](#), in this state;

(b) a conviction for a violation of a statute similar to this section in another state; or

(c) a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the defendant's appearance in court in this state or another state for a violation of a statute similar to this section, which forfeiture has not been vacated.

(6) Attempts by the accused person to contact or follow the stalked person after the accused person has been given actual notice that the stalked person does not want to be contacted or followed constitutes prima facie evidence that the accused person purposely or knowingly followed, harassed, threatened, or intimidated the stalked person.

http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/index.htm

A Note From The Executive Director

Sabrina Tauscher

As 2014 closes on another year in the battle against domestic and sexual violence in our community, I continue to see the future of a violent free society. In 2015, there are many resolutions being made by friends and family: lose weight, stop smoking, spend more time at home, watch less TV. As I hear the many goals, I am reminded of a quote I once read in a book about the effects of children who witness abuse into adulthood: *Desired Outcomes are*

I have almost completed a full year as the new Executive Director of Safe Space, and I am resolving to not set

goals, but to identify the desired outcomes for our program, for the victims and survivors we serve, and for the communities we are present in.

First, Safe Space will continue to provide services to all victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. This includes men, women, children, members of the LGBT community, the rich, the poor, those suffering from a mental health illness, and those who are financially exploited by their abuser. Safe Space does not discriminate, because the violence does not discriminate.

Second, Safe Space will increase the

opportunities for volunteers to bring their skills, talents, interests, and camaradery to help increase awareness, children’s services, and funding opportunities to meet the growing needs and requests of all victims and survivors.

Finally, Safe Space wants to bring to the community the trainings and education we have to help employers, agencies, programs and organizations identify the violence that is present in our community and learn the tools to help connect victims to appropriate resources.

Safe Space is ready for 2015!!

Safe Space: 2014

Safe Space has been providing services to Butte-Silver Bow and surrounding communities since the early 1970’s, originally known as the Butte Christian Community Center. In over 40 years, there has never been a year that has seen such a high number of reported domestic and sexual violence, or such a high number of those who requested, and accessed services. Here is an overview of the statistical data of Safe Space services in 2014:

Primary Victims Served in Shelter	Secondary Victims Served in Shelter	Primary Victims Served Outside of Shelter	Secondary Victims Served Outside of Shelter	Total Shelter Nights in 2014
94	55	49	28	1,201
Support Group At-	Instances of Finan-	Transportation As-	Referrals Given to	Total Crisis Calls
105	84	69	697	1,073

Safe Space has a secondary program that is located in the Park Street Mall known as Suited for Success. This program provides appropriate clothing for job interviews and the workplace (if hired). The clothing also includes accessories and undergarments. This program also provides clothing for children at school who meet the requirements of the program. Below is the data from this program on how many people were provided services through Suited for Success in 2014:

Adults Who Received Items	Children Who Received Items	Total Number of Items Distributed
214	35	5,094

BIG THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

Safe Space wants all donors, sponsors, and supporters of Safe Space in 2014 to know that each and every one of you are truly appreciated. The services we provide are made capable through your continued support.

Big thanks to the Butte Family YMCA for hosting the 2014 Giving Tree, where 8 families receiving services were able to have Christmas presents to unwrap. They also helped to provide much needed notebooks, calendars, and office supplies to the program.

Thank you to Empire Office Supplies

for providing Safe Space with a set of toner cartridges so that we can print intake packets, domestic and sexual violence informational packets, presentation materials and referrals/resources for clients.

Another big thanks to the Women of Tech for also providing Christmas gift items, clothing, toiletries and more for the clients of Safe Space. Each year we are humbled and honored to have your continued support and for the opportunity to meet all of you.

Thank you to Bath & Body Works for their annual donation of antibacterial

hand soaps and lotions. These items help to keep our clients healthy during the winter, as well as prevent chapped and dry skin with the brutal cold weather.

And last but not least, there is not enough thanks for the hundreds of hours provided by our dedicated and amazing volunteers and Board of Directors. Without your skills, talents and support, Safe Space would not be what it is today.

We look forward to giving many more thanks in 2015!

Client Testimonials: Have You Heard?

Non-Residential Client with Children:

"I was so scared when he was arrested... how were we going to pay the bills? What do I tell my children? What about Christmas—it's only a few weeks away? {Safe Space Advocates} helped me figure out how to plan for our future. And you all helped us with Christmas by putting us on the Giving Tree. Thank you Safe Space!"

Residential Client:

"The shelter manager was always quick to find information when I asked on doctors, a counselor, where to look for a job, and how to apply for housing. She was so knowledgeable and never made me feel like I was a burden with my many questions. Everyone is so patient and caring."

Residential Client:

"When the advocate showed up at the hospital, she helped me with the paperwork to apply for services, and when I was getting too weak, she understood. She was great with going at my pace and didn't push me to talk or discuss anything I wasn't ready to. When I told her my whole story, she listened and didn't tell me I was wrong and helped me understand how to be safe again."

Get Suited Up.... At Suited for Success

Safe Space and Suited for Success wishes Billie Richardson well in her adventures. Billie will be greatly missed as the Program Director at Suited For Success, the only program in Butte that provides interview and work clothing to persons re-entering the workforce.

We now welcome our new Program Director, Lisa, to our staff. Lisa is excited to meet clients, volunteers

and agency representatives to talk about how she can help interviewee's look their best. First impressions last a lifetime, and at Suited for Success, Lisa is ready to help you make the first impression that will help you get recognized for your skills and talents.

Don't forget to stop in and visit the clothing thrift store, Miss Betty's Basement, located in the Suited for Success program, and support Suited

For Success and Safe Space by purchasing professional and seasonal clothing items.

Suited for Success/Miss Betty's Basement provides professional and appropriate clothing, undergarments, shoes, and accessories to the community based on referrals. For more information, contact Lisa at 406-565-1296.

Open Mon-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm

Make a New Year Resolution to Volunteer!

A volunteer at Safe Space is more than an average volunteer.

A volunteer at Safe Space is someone who is valued, appreciated, and is an integral part of ending domestic and sexual violence in our community.

Some volunteers spend their time at Suited For Success, learning retail skills and providing assistance to persons going back to work.

Some volunteers spend their time at the Community Resource Center helping with holiday programs, sorting

donations, and working on getting the computer lab up and going.

Our Shelter Friends work on helping with meals, general cleaning, and storing the donations that have been sorted and documented. They also help with yard maintenance and snow removal.

Our Event Committee helps with planning awareness and fundraising activities such as the annual Flocking, Flock Party, Officer of Year Award Dinner, Purple Sock Drive and more!

And volunteers who complete the appropriate training assist staff in answering the crisis hotline and support groups.

Volunteers are welcome to bring their skills to teach clients how to be healthy, cook, crochet, or any other special interest they have. The opportunities to give a victim hope and safety are endless!

Call Safe Space today for a volunteer application and information on upcoming volunteer meetings. 406-782-9807.

Committees

Shelter Friends

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Events

Sexual Assault Awareness Events

Flock Party

Holiday Helpers

Domestic Violence Awareness Events

Community Resource Facility

Suited For Success

Crisis Hotline Volunteers

Children Group Activities

Other Ways to Help

Lawn Work

Shoveling Snow

Donation Pick Ups

Donation Sorting

Grant Writing

Flocking (April only)

Hanging up Flyers

Distributing Brochures

Teach Clients New Skills You Have

Internship Opportunities

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Our current Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Brancamp, is pursuing a career in the medical field, leaving an open position with Safe Space. If you have a passion to help victims of violence, spread awareness in our community, and can lead volunteers to learn new skills while promoting education and advocacy, visit the Butte Job Service to find out how to apply. This position will be filled no later than January 31, 2015.

This position is a full time position with benefits, including paid time off, health insurance and retirement. You also receive the chance to be part of an active and inspiring team of knowledgeable advocates who strive for community togetherness and a violent free society. This position is very active in the community, as well as with victims of violence. Apply today to be our new Volunteer Coordinator/Victim Advocate!

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>January Is Stalking Awareness Month! To attend any support group or volunteer meetings, please call 406-782-8511 for location and time. Join us for our Flock Party Planning Meetings and help us with our annual Fundraiser!</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Women's DV Support Group 4 pm	8 Men's DV/SA Support Group Flock Party Committee Meeting Volunteer Meeting	9	10 "Talking About Stalking" Butte Plaza Mall 11AM-2PM
11	12 LGBT DV/SA Support Group	13 Women's SA Support Group	14 Women's DV Support Group 4 pm	15 Safe Space Board Meeting Men's DV/SA Support Group Volunteer Meeting	16 Flock Party Volunteer Meeting Jacobs House 6pm	17
18	19 LGBT DV/SA Support Group	20 Women's SA Support Group	21 Women's DV Support Group 4 pm	22 Men's DV/SA Support Group Volunteer Meeting 5:30 pm	23	24
25	26 LGBT DV/SA Support Group	27 Women's SA Support Group	28 Women's DV Support Group 4 pm	29 Men's DV/SA Support Group Volunteer Meeting	30	31

Additional activities may be scheduled after this publishing. Please visit www.safespaceonline.org for up to date information.

A Look Ahead

In 2015, Safe Space will be providing trainings and presentations on all forms of domestic and sexual violence, including stalking and teen dating violence. In addition to this, advocates will also be providing education on Bystander Awareness, Healthy Relationships, and how to become a trained advocate.

Here is a 2015 overview of when trainings and presentations will become available (and will remain available throughout the year after), when committees will begin to meet, and how to access them.

Month	Event/Committee/Training/Presentation First Available
January	Stalking Awareness Presentations Flock Party Committee All Domestic Violence Trainings and Presentations
February	Teen Dating Violence Awareness Presentations Healthy Relationships Presentations
March	Bystander Awareness Presentations Flocking Technician Training (For April Flocking) March 21, 2015—4th Annual Flock Party
April	Sexual Assault Awareness Presentations Flocking Season all month long Flocking Committee
May	Children Witnessing Abuse Presentations Mother's Day Shelter Event 4th of July Parade Float Committee Volunteer Advocate Training (Certificate Provided at Completion)
June	Decorating 4th of July Parade
July	Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committees First Meeting
August	Annual Fall Clean Up
September	Annual Volunteer Welcome Event Flock Party Committee First Meeting
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events: Purple Pinkies Challenge Purple Sock Drive Annual Appreciation Dinner Purple Lights Nights Holiday Committee First Meeting
November	YMCA Holiday Collaboration
December	Holiday Gift and Dinner Deliveries

Who is Who at Safe Space

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A Domestic Violence & Sexual
Assault Program

Safe Space is Butte's only domestic and sexual violence shelter and program for over 40 years. Safe Space staff receive ongoing training in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, healthy relationships, case management, bystander awareness, agency collaboration, and more! Safe Space is staffed by these knowledgeable advocates 24/7, including holidays.

The staff at Safe Space is supported, guided, and led by a Board of Directors who donate their talents, skills, and time. Without their expertise and generosity, the outreach and advocacy provided by the staff would be unattainable.

Safe Space Staff:

Executive Director:

Sabrina Tauscher

Shelter Manager:

Rachel Cotton

Sexual Assault Specialist:

Sonja Foster

Volunteer Coordinator:

Taking Applications Now!

Night Advocate:

Traci Nellis

Weekend Advocate:

Brenda Beardslee

Suited for Success Program Director

Lisa Warren

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