October is Relationship Violence Awareness Month (RVAM).

During this month, advocates across the nation work together to end all forms of relationship violence. Relationship violence has many names – domestic violence, dating violence, intimate partner violence – all of these can be defined as physical and/or sexual violence, stalking, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse\(^1\). This toolkit includes a collection of resources that will equip stakeholders with the information they need to build a path to ending relationship violence.

### If you or someone you know needs help, call

- **Office of Respect (Emory Students only) (24-hr hotline: 470-270-5360)**
- **Emory Faculty Staff Assistance Program (404-727-WELL)**
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline (24-hr hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE)**

### Defining Dating Violence

*This section has been adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Preventing Teen Dating Violence website\(^2\).*

**Dating violence** – (may also be referred to as teen dating violence) is a type of intimate partner violence that occurs between two people in a relationship. Dating violence includes four types of violence:

- **Physical violence** – a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by hitting or using another type of physical force.
- **Sexual violence** – forcing or attempting to force a partner to take part in a sex act, sexual touching or non-physical sexual event when the partner does not or cannot consent.
- **Psychological aggression** – the use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent to harm another person mentally or emotionally and/or exert control over another person.
- **Stalking** – a pattern of repeated, unwanted attention and contact by a partner that causes fear for one’s own safety or the safety of someone close to the victim.

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\(^1\) [https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/index.html)

\(^2\) [https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/teendatingviolence/fastfact.html](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/teendatingviolence/fastfact.html)
Relevant Publications


This analysis of gender differences in help-seeking behavior and outcomes can help service providers better tailor their support services more effectively.


Alcohol intoxication and a pattern of heavy alcohol consumption are robust correlates of IPA perpetration; there has been limited research that examines this association from a dyadic perspective. Read the article above to learn more about the correlation.

Community Resources

Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence
An LGBTQ+ affirming agency with services available to people of all identities within the Atlanta area including legal advocacy, support groups, community-based advocacy, and more.
24/7 Hotline: 404-688-9436
https://www.wrcdv.org/get-help

Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Services available within the metro Atlanta area including legal advocacy, support groups, teen and college dating violence prevention program, community education and training, and more.
24/7 Hotline: 404-873-1766
https://padv.org/

National Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline Interactive Safety Plan
https://www.thehotline.org/plan-for-safety/create-a-safety-plan/

Love Is Respect
https://www.loveisrespect.org/ (Dating Violence Resources)

Know Your IX
https://www.knowyourix.org/ (Title IX-Specific Resources)

Audio Resources

Listen to our Strength & Empowerment Playlist Here! 🎵
Additional Resources

PreventConnect

* A project based with the California Coalition to End Sexual Assault (CALCASA) including eLearning

CDC Strategies for Prevention


American College Health Association (ACHA)

[https://www.acha.org/ACHA/Resources/Topics/Violence.aspx](https://www.acha.org/ACHA/Resources/Topics/Violence.aspx)

Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention, Education, and Response Knowledge Community:


Culture of Respect

* A NASPA initiative, including the Collective two-year program for interested campuses
  [https://cultureofrespect.org/](https://cultureofrespect.org/)

Campus Advocacy & Prevention Professions Association (CAPPA)

[www.nationalcappa.org/](http://www.nationalcappa.org/)

YWCA of Atlanta

* Updates on state level policy, legislation and advocacy opportunities including Georgia Women’s Policy Institute (GWPI)
  [https://ywcaatlanta.org/](https://ywcaatlanta.org/)