

SHARE YOUR STORY:

Because you have a right
to be healthy and safe

See back to learn how
SHARE can help you.



Office for the
Prevention of
Domestic Violence

Department
of Health

NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline:

1-800-942-6906

Domestic violence harms your health. If you are a victim, please **SHARE that information with your health care provider. Your health care provider may be able to help you.**

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Screening: All health care providers should ask you about domestic violence. They should ask you privately and respectfully so that you feel comfortable enough to **SHARE** with them.

HIPAA¹: Almost everything you **SHARE** is confidential between you and your health care provider. If you tell your health care provider that you have been victimized, they should not report this to the police. However, the health care provider must report gunshot wounds, burns and life-threatening stab wounds. This is a New York State law.²

Affordable Care Act: Screening and counseling for domestic violence are covered under the Affordable Care Act as preventive health care.³ Your health care provider should ask you questions about domestic violence during your visit. If you **SHARE** your story with them, they can **SHARE** information with you.

Resources & Referrals: Your health care provider can **SHARE** resources and referrals that will help you and your children get health care and other services you may need.

Everyone: Everyone knows domestic violence is not your fault. Please **SHARE** with your health care provider and allow them to **SHARE** with you.

¹ HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

² In NYS, domestic violence is not a reportable offense except under NYS Penal Law §265.25 & §265.26

³ The Affordable Care Act ensures that women and children receive preventive health care. Domestic violence screening and counseling is now covered.