

"Thank you very much for all the caring support and services that you have provided for my family and me. You are truly a blessing to us and our community."

—Safeline Service User

## How You Can Support Safeline:

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hotline Coverage
- Community Outreach
- Administrative Assistance
- Fundraising
- Board Membership
- Facilities Maintenance

We can also work with you to create a volunteer position that fits your interests and lifestyle.

To find out more, please contact:  
[safelineinfo@safelinevt.org](mailto:safelineinfo@safelinevt.org)

### Make A Tax Deductable Donation

Donations and in-kind support are always welcome! Safeline is a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization. You can make a secure gift online by visiting [www.safelinevt.org](http://www.safelinevt.org) and clicking on our PayPal link.

You can also mail a check to Safeline at PO Box 368 Chelsea, VT 05038

**We rely on your support to help us end domestic and sexual violence in our community.**

## WHO WE SERVE

Safeline is a member of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. We serve all of Orange County and the northern tier towns of Windsor County.

### Towns In Orange County

Bradford, Braintree, Brookfield, Chelsea, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Orange, Randolph, Strafford, Thetford, Topsham, Tunbridge, Vershire, Washington, Wells River, West Fairlee, Williamstown

### Towns In Windsor County

Bethel, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge

Safeline, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Domestic and sexual violence is experienced by men; people with disabilities; the LGBTQ community; the elderly; immigrants, and those who have limited English proficiency.

We encourage you all to call us.

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# Safeline

Advocacy | Prevention | Education | Social Change

**Providing FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services in Orange and northern Windsor counties for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking.**

**24/7 Hotline:**

**1-800-NEW-SAFE**

**(1-800-639-7233)**

**If you are a victim of domestic or sexual violence or stalking, please call Safeline.**

**Office Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm  
Monday-Friday**

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## Safeline's Mission

*Safeline strives to end physical, emotional and sexual violence against women and children through direct service, education, advocacy and social change.*

## Safeline's History

Safeline was formed in the early 1980s by a group of women who saw their neighbors and friends experiencing domestic and sexual abuse. At that time there was little support and few options available for victims, especially given the rural nature of Safeline's service area. The group began helping victims escape dangerous situations. Recognizing the importance of immediate access to confidential services, they also started Vermont's first, toll-free hotline for survivors. This crucial service inspired the organization's name: Safeline.

## FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Services

### Hotline:

Trained advocates provide emotional support, assistance with creating individualized safety plans, resources and referrals, and assistance applying for protection orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Advocates Provide:

**Legal:** Safeline provides legal advocacy services, including referrals, assistance with filling out paper work and accompanying survivors to court and the police station.

**Economic Justice:** Safeline provides survivors with support in addressing their economic, employment, and housing needs.

**Medical:** Advocates provide emotional support at the hospital for victims after an assault.

**Day Shelter:** Safeline has a food pantry, computer/printer access and showering facilities for survivors.

**Prevention & Education:** Safeline provides prevention-based educational programs for schools, businesses, and community organizations. Safeline also has a resource center that is open to the public, complete with books, DVDs, training curricula and education materials.

## Abuse is NEVER the Victim's Fault

### What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that is used by one person to gain power and control over another person. Forms of domestic violence may include:

- **Verbal and Emotional Abuse**
- **Economic Control**
- **Isolation**
- **Physical Violence**
- **Intimidation and Threats**

### What is Sexual Violence?

Sexual violence is any non-consensual sexual conduct. Forms of sexual violence may include:

- **Incest**
- **Child Sexual Abuse**
- **Rape, including Marital Rape**
- **Sexual Harassment**
- **Sexual Exploitation**

### What is Stalking?

Stalking is a course of conduct directed at an individual that would cause a person to feel fear. Forms of stalking may include:

- **Following**
- **Unwanted phone calls, letters, emails and text messaging**
- **Threats of violence**