

Health Professional Outreach Sample IPV Script for EMT's

Member Organizations

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services
Ansonia, CT

The Center for Family Justice
Bridgeport, CT

Women's Center
Danbury, CT

Domestic Violence Program United Services
Dayville, CT

The Network
Enfield, CT

Domestic Abuse Services Greenwich YWCA
Greenwich, CT

Interval House
Hartford, CT

Chrysalis Domestic Violence Services
Meriden, CT

New Horizons
Middletown, CT

Prudence Crandall Center
New Britain, CT

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services
New Haven, CT

Safe Futures
New London, CT

Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Norwalk, CT

Women's Support Services
Sharon, CT

Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Stamford, CT

Susan B. Anthony Project
Torrington, CT

Safe Haven
Waterbury, CT

Domestic Violence Program United Services
Willimantic, CT

With increased isolation and stress due to the COVID-19 pandemic...

- We are letting everyone know that Connecticut has a 24/7 intimate partner violence hotline, called Safe Connect.
- All services are free, safe, confidential and voluntary.
- If you or anyone you know has relationship concerns advocates can be reached by calling **888.774.2900** or through live chat and email at www.CTSafeConnect.org.

Helpful IPV Information for EMT's:

1. Patients do not have to say their name when they call, email or live chat with Safe Connect. All calls are 100% confidential.
2. Assume everyone needs the resource and let them know about Safe Connect. (1 in 4 women & 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused during their lifetime)
3. Disclosures are not the goal, but if they happen connect the patient to Safe Connect for safety planning. Advocates are available 24/7 with the ability to communicate in nearly 200 languages.
4. Express any concerns privately to the ER staff at hand off.
5. Speak with each patient/client alone. Abusers can use the COVID-19 pandemic to further control their victims. This might be their only opportunity to speak freely. Using the ambulance as a place to speak alone can help.
6. Emphasizing the availability of live chat (www.CTSafeConnect.org) can be extremely helpful during COVID-19 isolation because it might not be possible to safely make a phone call.
7. IPV, in and of itself, is **not** a mandated reporting opportunity.
8. EMT's can also speak with a certified IPV advocate at www.CTSafeConnect.org or 888-774-2900 if you have any questions or need resources.
9. CCADV has 18 member organizations across the state that Safe Connect can connect them to for further resources.
10. For more resources please contact Ashley Starr Frechette, Director of Health Professional Outreach, astarrfrechette@ctcadv.org