

*We aspire to empower and assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.*

## MISSION

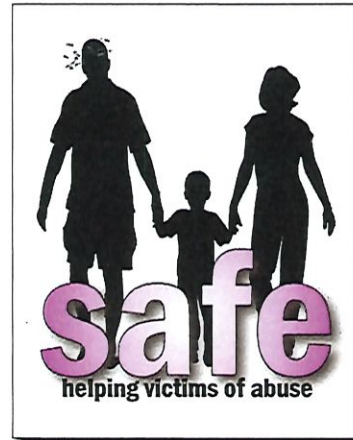
The mission of SAFE is to provide safety and serve as an advocate for sexual assault and domestic violence victims, survivors and their families.

## VISION

SAFE of Harnett County, Inc., is committed to serving victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence through advocacy, empowerment and education.

## VALUES

We believe that battering is more than physical abuse. It is a pattern of coercive behavior enforced by violence in which all parts of a victim's life are subject to the batterer's control. In addition to physical abuse, such coercive behavior includes sexual, emotional and economic abuse.



*We are proud to collaborate with over 200 domestic violence programs to ensure quality services are available for women, children and families in North Carolina. The NCCFW website includes a complete listing of the NC FVPSA and state approved domestic violence and sexual assault agencies with contact information to promote awareness of state approved resources available in NC.*

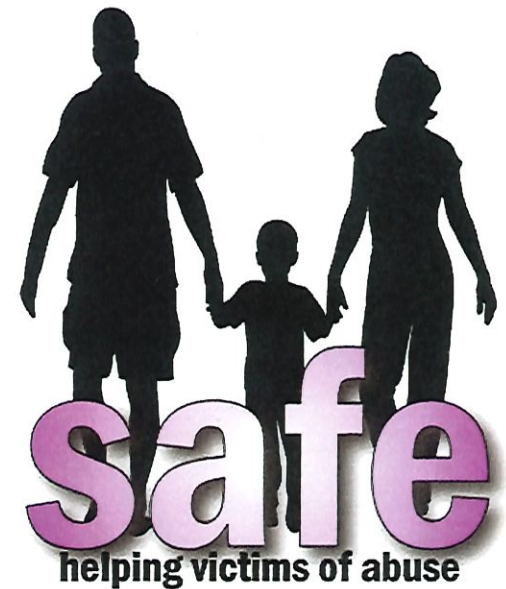
## SAFE of Harnett County

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*Providing safety and advocacy for sexual assault and domestic violence victims, survivors and their families*

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## WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behaviors used in effort to maintain control over a spouse or partner. Domestic violence includes hitting (with hands or objects), pushing, biting, kicking, or forced sex. Domestic violence also includes non-physical abuse, such as making threats, shouting, name calling, and other behaviors used to frighten someone.

## WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is a conduct of sexual or indecent nature toward another person accompanied by actual or threatened physical force that induces fear, shame, or mental suffering. Sexual assault is sexual conduct that is forced upon a person without consent or that is inflicted upon a person who is incapable of giving consent (because of age or physical or mental incapacity).

## WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is the act or crime of willfully and repeatedly following or harassing another person. Stalking occurs in circumstances that seriously alarm, annoy, intimidate, or cause a reasonable person to fear injury or death because of express or implied threats.

## SERVICES OFFERED AT SAFE:

- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Crisis Counseling and Support
- Emergency Hospital Response
- Courtroom Companionship
- Restraining Order Assistance
- Shelter
- Support Groups

## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

### FOR SURVIVORS:

It's not your fault! You are not responsible for someone else's controlling behavior. You have choices to help heal yourself and keep you and your family safe. You can call SAFE at 910.893.7233 to talk about your options.

### FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & OTHERS

Do your part to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. Explore and honor the victim's choices, whether you agree with them or not. Condemn abusive behavior, but never condemn the victim.

## SUPPORT SAFE

### Become Involved – Volunteer - Donate

**Please Visit Fantastic Finds**  
**1024 S. Main St., Lillington, NC 27546**

Fantastic Finds is a thrift store operated by SAFE where you can donate gently used clothing and household goods. All proceeds from Fantastic Finds support SAFE.

### Thrift Store Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Sunday & Monday Closed)

**This program is committed to providing free and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.**

## WHAT CAN SAFE ADVOCATES DO?

- ❖ Listen to you.
- ❖ Provide confidential services.
- ❖ Provide crisis counseling, emotional support and guidance.
- ❖ Inform you of your rights.
- ❖ Explain how the court process works.
- ❖ Find information for you about what is happening in your court case.
- ❖ Assist you with your application for a domestic violence protective order if you are a victim of domestic violence.
- ❖ Tell you about Crime Victim Compensation and help you fill out the forms.
- ❖ Inform you of community services available to you.
- ❖ Help you inform your employer if you have to miss work to attend court due to seeking a domestic violence protective order
- ❖ Provide a secure place to wait during court proceedings

**We advocate for victim's needs and wishes.**