

Resources

Aimee Beaulieu Transition House
250-354-4357

Crisis Line
1-800-515-6999

Child Helpline
310-1234

Family Justice Services
250-354-6433

Kootenay Lake District Hospital
250-352-3111

Adult Mental Health & Addictions
250-505-7248; 250-354-6488

Nelson Community Services Centre
250-352-3504

STV Counsellor (women only)

Children Who Witness Abuse
Counsellor

Women's Outreach

Police - 911

RCMP (non-emergency)
250-352-2156

RCM Police Victim Services
250-354-5196

Nelson Police (non-emerg)
250-354-3919

Nelson Police Victim Services
250-505-5657

VictimLink
1-800-563-0808

Women's Centre
250-352-9916

Ministry for Children and Family
Development - Nelson
250-354-6480

Ministry of Housing & Social
Development
1-866-866-0800

Internet Resources

Family Law in BC
www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca

Violence Against Women Information
www.shelternet.org

Ending Violence Association of B.C.
www.endingviolence.org

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*Free, Confidential,
Community-Based Support
for Victims of Family and
Sexual Violence*



The Advocacy Centre

250-352-5777

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Summary of Services

If you or someone close to you has been the victim of violence in a relationship, sexual assault, criminal harassment or child abuse (both physical and sexual, including historical), please contact us for support.

We specialize in providing free, confidential, emotional and practical support, information, referrals, legal system support, for adult, youth and child survivors of abuse of any gender.

What We Can Do For You

- Confidential, non-judgmental, supportive environment
- Advocacy and/or accompaniment to courts, police or other crime related appointments
- Information and updates on the status of the criminal proceedings
- Assistance, information and referrals relating to the effects of violence and abuse, whether or not you choose to report it to the police

- Assist with completing forms and paperwork related to the crime, such as; Crime Victim Assistance Program applications and Victim Impact Statements
- Resources and education about abuse, violence and power based crimes
- Our support is based on what you want to do. We will provide options that are available to you in your situation and support you to make your own choices.
- We will listen to you and believe you.

Confidentiality

All matters are confidential and will be handled discreetly.

We are required by law to report any disclosures of child abuse and neglect.

The Victims of Crime Act provides victims with the following rights:

- To be treated with courtesy and respect by all justice personnel, without discrimination
- To receive information on the justice system, victim services and related legislation
- To receive, on request, certain case-specific information regarding police investigation, prosecution, sentencing and release of the offender
- To be given a reasonable opportunity to provide victim impact information for presentation to the court before sentencing of the offender
- To receive independent legal representation, provided free of charge where they cannot afford it, if an application has been made for disclosure of their personal records