

# SAFE ON SEVEN

## FORSYTH COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

WHEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURS  
**DIAL 911**  
FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

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### ON SITE PARTNERS

Phone: 336.776.3255  
Fax: 336.722.8035

Family Services  
Project Coordinator  
336.276.0026

Legal Aid of NC, Inc  
336.276.0029

Forsyth County Sheriff's Office  
Domestic Violence Unit  
336.779.6562

Winston-Salem Police Department  
Domestic Violence Unit  
336.779.6567

Family Services  
SOS Intake Screener  
336.276.0027

Family Services  
Victim Advocate  
336.276.0028

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Winston-Salem Police Department  
Non-Emergency: 336.773.7700  
Victim Services: 336.773.7860

Forsyth County Sheriff's Office  
Non-Emergency: 336.727.2112

Clerk of Court  
336.779.6322

Kernersville Police Department  
Non-Emergency: 336.996.3177

Magistrate's Office: 336.917.7691

District Attorney's Office/  
Domestic Violence Unit: 336.779.6310

Family Services  
Domestic Violence 24-Hour  
Crisis Line: 336.723.8125  
Sexual Assault 24-Hour  
Crisis Line: 336.722.4457  
Shelter: 336.723.8125  
Main Office: 336.722.8173

Forsyth County Department  
of Social Services: 336.703.3400  
Child Abuse/Neglect Report: 336.703.2287

Children's Law Center: 336.831.1909

Domestic Violence Advocacy Center  
(Legal Aid of NC): 336.725.9162

North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service:  
1.800.662.7660



## Break The Cycle. End The Violence.

A multi-agency partnership providing services to victims of domestic violence in one centralized location

Safe On Seven  
Behavioral Health Plaza  
725 Highland Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
336.776.3255





## PARTNER AGENCIES SERVICES DESCRIPTION

### **The Safe on Seven Domestic Violence Center (SOS)**

is a multi-agency Center for victims of domestic violence. The Center is located on the ground floor of the Behavioral Health Plaza at 725 Highland Avenue in Winston-Salem, NC.

In 2005, Forsyth County received a grant from the US Dept. of Justice to create an integrated team for the prosecution of criminal and civil domestic violence cases and to improve victims' access to community services. Previously located on the seventh floor of the Hall of Justice, Safe on Seven moved to its new location in January 2018.

### **Electronic Filing**

The Center helps minimize the difficulties victims face as they navigate the legal system. The overriding focus of the Center is victim safety and offender accountability. Implemented in August 2017, the Electronic Protective Order System enables judges to hold the hearing for an emergency protective order (or 50B) remotely, through video conferencing. The victim is able to remain at the same location while the order is filed, processed, and served, enhancing their overall safety and increasing timely service on the defendant. Victims of domestic violence are able to obtain legal assistance, advocacy, referrals and protective orders as well as information concerning their court cases.

The Center's onsite partners include Family Services, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Legal Aid of N.C. and the Winston-Salem Police Department. In addition, other offsite partners, such as the Children's Law Center, District Attorney's office, Clerk of Court, Department of Social Services, among others, are available to provide coordinated services to victims and their families.

### **SOS Hours of Operation**

Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit:**

Assists in preparing victims of domestic violence for appearance in criminal court and serves as liaison to the prosecutor.

### **Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.:**

Assists with the court process involving requests for civil restraining/protective orders (50B) and accepts requests for possible legal representation at civil restraining/protective order hearings.

### **Clerk of Court:**

Assists with the court process involving requests for civil restraining/protective orders (50C) and processing these requests through the court system.

### **Family Services:**

Assists with electronic filing of protective orders (50B), provides assistance with risk assessment, safety planning, advocacy and referrals for emergency shelter, support groups, and counseling and other needed resources.

### **Department of Social Services:**

Provides assistance with the application process for services such as Work First, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Child Support Enforcement and Childcare.

### **Forsyth County Sheriff's Office:**

Provides information to clients on service of the restraining/protective orders and domestic violence related law enforcement issues. Serves as the liaison between the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff.

### **Winston-Salem Police Department:**

Provides follow up information and any further investigation that may be necessary about domestic violence incidents. They provide victim advocacy services through information, emotional support and referral.

### **Kernersville Police Department:**

Provides initial and follow up investigation and information regarding domestic violence incidents. May assist the victim with transportation, domestic stand-bys, and referral to community resources.

### **Community Corrections:**

Specialized probation officers work closely with all members of Safe on Seven agencies to ensure accountability with domestic violence offenders.

### **Children's Law Center:**

Provides quality legal representation and advocacy for children in legal and administrative proceedings.

## SAFETY TIPS WHEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURS:

- Plan an emergency escape.
- Keep money hidden to get away quickly.
- Make extra keys to the car and house. Leave them in a safe and secret place.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers in a safe place.
- Keep extra clothing for yourself and children at the house of a friend, relative or neighbor.
- Know someone you can tell about the violence and who will call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from your house.
- Teach your children how to dial 911.
- Develop a code word for use with your children and friends so they will know to call for help.

