

Someone discloses **domestic violence** to you. Now what?

1. **Take it seriously.** Don't diminish or ignore it.
2. **Listen.** Listen without judgment. Listen without trying to solve the problem. Listen without asking too many questions or probing.
3. **Be supportive.** Offer resources, including the hotline number, but don't press if your friend seems reluctant to call. One of the worst things you can do in this situation is to cut off open dialogue.
4. **Understand mandatory reporting requirements.** Tennessee law requires mandatory reporting of child abuse, which can be done anonymously. If there are children involved who are being harmed, you are required to report it.
TN Child Abuse Hotline: **877-237-0004**
Desoto County, MS: **662-429-1480**
5. **Keep it confidential.** Understand the potential danger for your friend if you talk about the situation.

Domestic Violence Hotline: **800-799-SAFE (7233)**

Kindred Place: **901-276-2200, www.kindred-place.org**

Family Safety Center: **901-222-4400**

YWCA Greater Memphis: **901-725-4277**

