

# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bloomington Police Department currently has two officers assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit.

They have received specialized training in the area of domestic violence and in the collection of evidence needed for prosecution.

These officers also act as a resource for other officers in the field.

The officers and the victim advocate work together to insure that the victims are aware of their rights and available resources.

The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to work in partnership with the citizens of Bloomington to enforce the laws and enhance the quality of life in our community.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Law Enforcement

Bloomington Police Department (309) 434-2700  
Domestic Violence Unit (309) 434-2358  
(Advocate)

### Sexual Assault Services

Sexual Assault Hotline (PATH) (309) 827-4005  
Stepping Stones (309) 662-0461, x272

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Victim Services

Neville House (24-hour hotline) (309) 827-7070  
McLean County State's Attorney  
Domestic Violence Unit (309) 888-5521  
Chestnut Health Systems\*  
Secure Program (309) 820-3500

### Children's Services

Neville House (309) 827-7070  
For Children's Sake (309) 438-3615  
Child Abuse Hotline (800) 252-2873  
Child Protection Network  
Children's Advocacy Center (309) 888-5656  
Children's Foundation  
Crisis Nursery/Family Visitation Center  
(309) 834-5260

### Abuser Services

A.V.E.R.T.\* (309) 828-2860  
Twin Cities Behavioral Health\* (309) 451-2910  
Chestnut Health Systems\*  
ITR Program (309) 820-3500

### Elder Abuse and Neglect

PATH (during business hours) (309) 827-4005  
Elder Abuse Hotline (after hours) (800) 252-8966

### Legal Assistance

Prairie State Legal Services (309) 827-5021  
McLean County State's Attorney (309) 888-5400  
To find a lawyer in Illinois (217)-525-5297  
(or online at: [www.illinoislawyerfinder.com](http://www.illinoislawyerfinder.com))

\* A fee is charged for these services

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT



A COOPERATIVE EFFORT  
AMONG POLICE,  
LEGAL SERVICES,  
VICTIM SERVICES  
AND ABUSER SERVICES

**Bloomington Police Department**  
**305 S. East Street**  
**Bloomington, Illinois 61701**

## WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT?

The purpose of the Bloomington Police Department Domestic Violence Unit is to reduce the number of domestic violence victims by providing an integrated response to the problem of domestic violence.

The Bloomington Police Department, as well as a Victim Advocate from Countering Domestic Violence (CDV) Neville House, work together to provide safety for victims, and to assure the appropriate services are available to victims, abusers, and couples who are experiencing relationship difficulties.



## ABUSER SERVICES

Assessment and counseling services are available for those accused and/or convicted of domestic violence related offenses.

Individuals who have used verbal and/or physical violence in varying degrees of severity are urged to seek counseling. One does not have to be involved in the court system to receive services.

In fact, when individuals receive services in the early stages of these unhealthy patterns, they may actually avoid the need for law enforcement involvement.

There are three agencies in McLean County that are approved by the Illinois Department of Human Services to offer such services:

**A.V.E.R.T.** (Accused Violators Early Response Team) can be reached at (309) 828-2862.

**Twin Cities Behavioral Health** can be called at (309) 451-2910.

More information about **Chestnut Health Systems'** "Invitation to Responsibility" program is available at (309) 820-3500.

## COUNTERING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV) NEVILLE HOUSE

A victim advocate from CDV contacts the victims and other individuals who might benefit from services offered by Countering Domestic Violence.

That determination is made by CDV.

The many services provided by CDV are explained and are offered at no cost.

Those services include:

- 24-hour hotline (309) 827-7070
- Emergency shelter (Neville House)
- Legal advocacy (309) 888-5521
- Outreach intervention services
- Support groups for victims of domestic violence
- Support groups for children dealing with domestic violence
- Parenting classes and groups
- Community education training