



Key Events in the Movement to End Violence Against Women

NOTE: This is an illustration, not an all-inclusive list, of the scope of events and changes that have occurred in the past fifty years.

1960s	<p>Movements for social change and justice . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights • Women’s Liberation – 2nd Wave • Anti-War • Gay Rights • Chicano Rights • Indigenous Rights and Sovereignty
1970s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st shelter: Chiswick Women’s Aid, England • First shelters in United States • First hotlines for battered women in United States • <i>Scream Quietly or the Neighbors Will Hear You</i>, Erin Pizzey • NOW task force on battering; demands research & money for shelters • <i>Against Our Will: Men, Women, Rape</i>, Susan Brownmiller • <i>Battered Wives</i>, Del Martin • Women Against Pornography (NYC) and similar groups form • First state coalition: Pennsylvania • First civil protection order law: Pennsylvania • La Casa de la Madres shelter opens in San Francisco • <i>Aegis</i> magazine: forum on issues of violence against women • U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Consultation on Battered Women • National Coalition Against Sexual Assault • National Coalition Against Domestic Violence • First emergency rape crisis line opens in Washington, DC • First rape crisis centers open • Rape Prevention and Control Act • Rape shield laws begin to be passed • MN first state to allow probable cause (“warrantless”) arrest in domestic assault • Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Act • Over 400 programs for battered women and rape victims • Take Back the Night demonstrations in cities across the U.S. • Catharine MacKinnon publishes <i>Sexual Harassment of Working Women</i>



1980s

- White Buffalo Calf Woman Society; first domestic violence shelter on Tribal lands
- *Women & Male Violence: The Visions and Struggles of the Battered Women's Movement*, Susan Schechter
- Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project
- First National Day of Unity and Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Power & Control Wheel (from work with Duluth Neighborhood Women's Groups)
- U.S. Attorneys General's Task Force on Family Violence established; first national report on scope and impact of domestic violence
- Family Violence Prevention & Services Act
- Thurman vs. Torrington, CT (first federal case in which a battered woman sues for police failure to protect her)
- U.S. Surgeon General: Wife abuse the leading health hazard to women
- *Chain, Chain Change: For Black Women Dealing with Physical and Emotional Abuse*, Evelyn White
- First stalking laws
- NCADV establishes first national toll-free domestic violence hotline
- First support group for lesbian battered women formed in Seattle
- *Naming the Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Battering*, Kerry Lobel
- Manavi founded



1990s

- Over 1,200 battered women's programs in the U.S.
- Battered Women's Justice Project
- Violence Against Women Act
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- National Domestic Violence Hotline begins operation; 8,841 calls in first month
- RAINN (Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network)
- National Sexual Assault hotline and the first of 1.5 million calls
- Extensive criminal justice system training throughout U.S.
- Full Faith & Credit Project to improve interstate protection order enforcement
- *Compelled to Crime: The Gender Entrapment of Battered Women*, Beth Richie
- Nearly all states and provinces have enacted pro-arrest and prosecution policies
- Sacred Hoop (Resource Center to End Violence Against Indian Women)
- Alianza (National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence)
- Next Millennium Conference: Ending Domestic Violence
- Praxis International
- Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community
- Eve Ensler writes *The Vagina Monologues*; V-Day global action launched



<p>2000s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act• Color of Violence: Violence Against Women of Color conference in Santa Cruz, leading to INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence• Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence• Polaris Project on sex-trafficking and other human trafficking• SCESA (Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault)• Over 2,000 programs battered women’s programs in the U.S.• Hollaback! Campaign against street harassment• Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Demonstration Initiative• National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline launched• VAWA support expands for Native American women, sexual assault, and youth victims• National Domestic Violence Hotline receives its two millionth call• National Sexual Violence Resource Center• National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
<p>2010s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move to End Violence Against Women (NoVo Foundation)• No More! Campaign to end domestic violence and sexual assault• 1 Billion Rising global action to end violence against women and girls• VAWA reauthorized; new protections for college students, immigrant women, Native American women, and LGBT community• UltraViolet: “Equality at a higher frequency”• Crowdsourcing tools to end violence against women• Illinois ends felony sentence for prostitution