

# DVAM

October Is Domestic Violence Action Month

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## Shine A Light For Survivors

Let Survivors Know They Are Not Alone.

### Help Us Paint Spokane Purple!

Spokane has the highest reported rate of domestic violence in Washington State with 14.2 offenses per 1,000 compared to the state average of 7.2. In 2020, domestic violence calls to law enforcement in Spokane increased by 40%.

This October, YWCA Spokane invites you to engage with events and resources in recognition of Domestic Violence Action Month (DVAM). We are dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and sparking action to better support survivors in our community and make meaningful change to address this urgent issue.



Display purple lights and DVAM posters, stickers, and buttons this October in support of DV survivors.

### How You Can Help

Go Purple!

Purple is the nationally designated color for domestic violence awareness. Wear purple, shine purple lights at your home or business, and display DVAM materials (access YWCA Spokane's online Action Kit for digital materials).

Join Us

Attend Pathways Forward on October 23rd. This free, virtual conversation will focus on the realities and barriers of reporting domestic violence with key community leaders. Register at [ywcaspokane.org/dvampathways](http://ywcaspokane.org/dvampathways).

Attend A Training

Sign up for free, virtual DV 101 and 201 training sessions this October to learn how to better support survivors and dive into some of the complexities of intimate partner domestic violence. Learn more at [ywcaspokane.org/training](http://ywcaspokane.org/training).

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