



S.A.F.E. Place Shelter

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24-hour helpline: 269-965-SAFE (7233)

www.safeplaceshelter.org

Mission: S.A.F.E. Place exists to provide safety, to empower, and to advocate for victims of domestic violence and their families.

S.A.F.E. Place is an emergency domestic violence shelter located in Battle Creek. It serves Calhoun, Barry, and Eaton counties. The shelter is open and a crisis line available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are 54 beds, and many nights they are full.

The average stay is 30 days. During that time, guests are helped with referrals to other community agencies that offer support. Legal advice and counseling programs are also available. These programs are voluntary and offered free of charge. The focus is on services which will help victims make informed decisions in a secure, supportive environment. S.A.F.E Place also welcomes those who have a place to stay but need support services.

Because victims of domestic violence often must leave their home quickly, they may arrive with nothing. S.A.F.E. Place provides food, clothing, and basic needs. All services are free.

In the time it took you to read this flyer, an average of 20 people in the U.S. have been physically abused by their partner.

What to do if someone comes to you for help:

- Believe them.
- Encourage, but don't pressure them to talk about the abuse.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Listen and support the person's feelings without judging.
- Let them know they are not alone.
- Reassure them that the abuse is not their fault.
- Give them the S.A.F.E. Place hotline number.
- If they aren't ready to make major changes, continue to offer your support.

Adapted from SAFE Place website with permission.

Connecting with Mercy

Collecting items for women & children at S.A.F.E. Place at Weekend Masses
February 8/9

Suggested items:

shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, lotion, dish soap, first aid supplies, alarm clocks, food storage containers, new sippy cups and pacifiers, new or gently used washcloths and twin-size sheets
for kids: stickers, kid packs of valentines



For all victims of domestic violence, that they may find safety, hope and peace, we pray to the Lord.