

Connecting with an Advocate from the Scene

Alexandra House is a domestic and sexual violence agency located in Anoka County that offers free, confidential services to individuals who are experiencing, or who have experienced, domestic or sexual violence.

Alexandra House works closely with law enforcement - and responds to victims of domestic assault who are referred **to us** after a domestic assault incident has occurred. Depending on the results of a lethality assessment screen, you may be connected to an advocate immediately following an incident, while law enforcement is still present. Our help line is staffed 24 hours a day, so an advocate is always available to speak with you. If you do not speak English, English is your second language, or you are deaf or hard of hearing, an interpreter can be provided.

We recognize that after an incident has occurred, it can be a stressful time and you may be experiencing lots of things – fear, anxiety, or concerns about your safety. You may also have questions about what happens next. Our number one priority during this conversation is your safety, and that can mean different things for different people. An advocate will talk with you about available safety options. For example, if you do not feel safe staying in your home, you may wish to come to our emergency shelter. Shelter can be a place for you to feel safe, secure, and supported while you work through your next steps.

The advocate you speak with will be able to answer questions and address any needs you may have, but we understand that too much information can be overwhelming and difficult to process and remember. Please know that an Alexandra House legal advocate will contact you on the next business day, to provide further support and information about what happens next.

If you are not immediately connected to an advocate when the police are still present, they will provide us with your contact information, and we will reach out to you soon after the incident to offer our services and support. The call you receive from the advocate will appear in your caller ID as an unknown or restricted number.