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RESOURCES

We Can Be Heroes is about the worst that can happen in an unhealthy relationship. It's about warning signs missed and a life stolen. But there are so many organizations doing incredible work to provide people with an entirely different outcome for their own stories. If you would like to learn more about intimate partner violence, organizations dedicated to reducing gun violence, and the laws impacting these issues, resources are listed below. Please remember that abusers can track activity, and only access these websites from a safe device and location.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline: Advocates are available 24/7/365 to answer calls and provide information and resources. The website has a live chat feature to message with an advocate, an escape button if you need to quickly exit, and Spanish translation. www.thehotline.org

1-800-799-7233 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

Love Is Respect: Highly trained advocates offer information and support for young people experiencing dating violence. Also provides resources for concerned family members, friends, teachers, counselors, service providers, or members of law enforcement. Free and confidential phone and texting services, available 24/7. This website has an escape button, live chat feature, and Spanish translation. www.loveisrespect.org

1-800-331-9474

1-866-331-8453 (TTY)

Text: "loveis" to 22522

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: Provides education, advocacy, policy, and resources related to domestic violence. Hosts "Action Alerts" to help users engage in policy action calls for legislation and VAWA renewal, including graphics and suggested language to use on social media to raise awareness and call political figures to action. www.ncadv.org

Everytown for Gun Safety: Researches causes of and solutions for gun violence. Provides advocacy and grassroots coalition building by state. Helps elect gun sense candidates. Demands accountability for gun violence. www.everytown.org

Sandy Hook Promise: Establishes education, research, advocacy, and organizing to end school shootings and protect children from acts of violence in their homes, communities, and schools. www.sandyhookpromise.org