

Title: S.3623 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 2022

Introduction:

- This bill is to Reauthorize the previous Violence Against women Act of 1994.

Increase services & support for:

- Women
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Dating violence
- Sexual assault
- Stalking
- Increase funding for DV
- LGBTQ+

Summary of the Bill:

- Improves criminal justice response
- Responds to needs of diverse populations
- Improves services for survivors
- Addresses survivors' economic needs
- Invests in prevention in young population
- Increase victim access to safe housing
- Improves the civil legal response
- Promotes quicker response time for DV calls to the police department

Resources:

- [S.3623 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)
- [Senate+VAWA+Two-Pager+.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)
- [Domestic violence and abusive relationships - signs, effects and support | healthdirect](#)

S.3623 (117th): Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2022

This bill modifies and reauthorizes through Fiscal Year 2027 programs and activities under the Violence Against Women Act that seek to prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

The bill also authorizes new programs, makes changes to federal criminal laws, and establishes new protections to promote housing stability and economic security for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Some helpful Domestic Violence Resources:

- ACT: [Domestic Violence Crisis Service ACT](#) – (02) 6280 0900
- NSW: [Domestic Violence Line](#) – 1800 656 463
- QLD: [DV Connect](#) – 1800 811 811
- Victoria: [Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre](#) – 1800 015 188; or [Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria](#)
- WA: [Women’s Domestic Violence Helpline](#) – 1800 007 339 or (08) 9223 1188; [Men's Domestic Violence Helpline](#) – 1800 000 599 or (08) 9223 1199
- SA: [Domestic Violence Crisis Service Line](#) – 1800 800 098
- Tasmania: [Family Violence Response and Referral Line](#) – 1800 633 937; or [Family Violence Counselling and Support Service](#) – 1800 608 122
- NT: [Dawn House](#) – (08) 8945 1388 or [find help near you](#), including shelters, on the NT Government website



| Why We Need the Violence Against Women Act | |
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| U.S. women who are victims of domestic violence: 1 in 4 | U.S. women who reported being raped or sexually assaulted in 2009: 1.3 million |
| U.S. women who are murdered by their partners every day: 3 | U.S. children who are exposed to domestic violence each year: 15 million |
| U.S. women who have survived attempted or completed sexual assault: 1 in 6 | |

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