

## **SPECIALIZED NOTICE**

### **Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence**

**ATTENTION:** The following specialized notice applies to employers and employees only under certain conditions, such as employer industry, employer size, or worker classification.

These conditions are described within the notice. Please review the conditions described to determine whether or not this notice applies to you. If you are uncertain or have questions, please contact your employer.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES IN CONNECTICUT

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include emotional abuse, psychological abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and/or financial abuse. It is the result of a person's feeling of entitlement to have power and control over their partner or family member and their choice to use abusive behaviors to gain and maintain that power and control. The pattern of abusive behavior is designed to make the victim dependent upon the abuser, leaving the victim feeling scared, confused, and insecure about their ability to survive on their own, financially or otherwise.

If you or someone you know is experiencing an abusive relationship, help is available. Whether you need information, help, or just someone to talk to, we're here to listen.



CTSafeConnect

Connecticut's domestic violence information and resource hub

**CTSafeConnect.org | 888.774.2900**

**CALL • TEXT • CHAT • EMAIL • 24/7**

All services are safe, free, confidential & voluntary

Safe Connect advocates can help you think through options and get you connected with one of CCADV's 18 local domestic violence organizations for services such as counseling, support groups, advocacy for accessing basic needs, court-based advocacy, age-appropriate child advocacy, and support in finding shelter and other housing options."

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## **IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SOMEONE BASED ON THEIR STATUS AS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Your employer cannot treat you differently or take actions against you based on your status as a victim of domestic violence, nor can they deny you reasonable leave of absence for certain issues related to the abuse you or your dependent children have experienced, including:

- (i) Seeking attention for injuries caused by domestic violence, including for a child;
- (ii) Obtaining services including safety planning from a domestic violence or rape crisis center;
- (iii) Obtaining psychological counseling related to domestic violence, including for a child;
- (iv) Taking other actions to increase safety from future incidents of domestic violence, including temporary or permanent relocation; or
- (v) Obtaining legal services, assisting in the prosecution of the offense, or otherwise participating in legal proceedings in relation to domestic violence.

***If you feel you have been discriminated against due to your status as a victim of domestic violence or if you have been denied a reasonable leave of absence to deal with issues related to abuse, contact the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities at 860-541-3400, CT Toll Free 1-800-477-5737, or online at [www.ct.gov/CHRO](http://www.ct.gov/CHRO)***

