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# **Domestic Violence in the U.S. - AIC Resource Guide**

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# Law and Legislation



# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.**

## **How to find legislation**

➤ [Thomas.loc.gov](https://www.thomas.loc.gov)

A U.S. Library of Congress database of federal laws with links to information on state laws.



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## Main federal laws

### ➤ **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):**

- [Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 \[pdf\]](#)
- [Violence Against Women Act of 1994 \[pdf\]](#)

### ➤ *VAWA in the U.S. Code:*

*([Title 8](#), [18](#), [42 – chapt. 110](#), [42 – chapt. 136](#))*



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## **Related federal laws/regulations and other relevant materials**

- [INS Guidelines Concerning Battered Immigrant \[pdf\]](#)
- [Welfare Reform Law – Battered Immigrant Provision \[pdf\]](#)
- [National Child Protection Act of 1993 \[pdf\]](#)
- [Violence Against Women Act: History, Federal Funding, and Reauthorizing Legislation \(a CRS report\) \[pdf\]](#)



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## Selected relevant cases

➤ *Holding Government Responsible for Deterring Violence:*

- [Zelig v. County of Los Angeles \[pdf\]](#)

➤ *Keeping Immigrant Women Safe from Violence:*

- [Ruiz v. Carrasco \[pdf\]](#)

➤ *Defending Battered Women's Custody of Their Children:*

- [Blondin v. Dubois \[pdf\]](#)



# Websites



# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.**

## **Selected U.S. Government websites**

- [U.S. Dept. of State. International Information Programs. Domestic Violence Awareness Section \(usinfo.state.gov/usa/women/violence\)](http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/women/violence)
- [U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Office on Women's Health \(www.4woman.gov/violence\)](http://www.4woman.gov/violence)
- [U.S. Dept. of Justice. Office of Justice Programs \(www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo\)](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo)
- [U.S. Dept. of Justice. National Criminal Justice Reference Service \(virlib.ncjrs.org/VictimsOfCrime.asp\)](http://virlib.ncjrs.org/VictimsOfCrime.asp)
- [Other \[pdf\]](#)





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## **Selected U.S. non-governmental websites**

- [National Domestic Violence Hotline \(www.ndvh.org\)](http://www.ndvh.org)
- [Family Violence Prevention Fund \(endabuse.org\)](http://endabuse.org)
- [Violence Against Women Online Resources  
\(www.vaw.umn.edu\)](http://www.vaw.umn.edu)
- [American Bar Association Commission on Domestic  
Violence \(www.abanet.org/domviol/home.html\)](http://www.abanet.org/domviol/home.html)
- [Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence  
\(www.atask.org\)](http://www.atask.org)
- [Other \[pdf\]](#)



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## **U.S. community models**

- [Toolkit to End Violence against Women \(toolkit.ncjrs.org\)](http://toolkit.ncjrs.org)
- [San Diego Family Justice Center \(www.familyjusticecenter.org\)](http://www.familyjusticecenter.org)
- [Duluth Project \(www.duluth-model.org/document/daipccr3.htm\)](http://www.duluth-model.org/document/daipccr3.htm)
- [Domestic Violence Clinic \(www.lawgeorgetown.edu/clinics/sdc\)](http://www.lawgeorgetown.edu/clinics/sdc)
- [Institute of family courts – a State of Missouri example \(http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/circuitcourt/famcourt.html\)](http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/circuitcourt/famcourt.html)



# Bibliography



# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.**

## **Bibliography of books, periodicals and web-based publications**

- [Library of Congress collection of books on domestic violence \(catalog.loc.gov\)](#)
- [AIC collection of journals covering domestic violence \[pdf\]](#)
- [Web-based U.S. Government publications \[pdf\]](#)



# AIC – A Resource



# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.**

## **AIC as a resource**

- The AIC has first-class information databases with resources on domestic violence
- The AIC staff can help you find materials about domestic violence on the Internet or direct you to the right source
- **To use these services or to enquire about this publication please contact the AIC at (+420) 257-530-640 or [aic@usembassy.cz](mailto:aic@usembassy.cz)**



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