

# Domestic Violence Advocacy Day

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is Domestic Violence Advocacy Day?**

Domestic Violence Advocacy Day is an annual event hosted by the [Washington Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#). Domestic violence advocates, survivors, community members, and folks who care about domestic violence travel from all over the state to Olympia to learn about budget and policy issues and advocate for survivors with their legislators. It is a fun and easy way to get involved!

### **What is Domestic Violence Advocacy Day like?**

Everyone meets at the [Heritage Room](#) at 9:30am to get materials for the day and for a morning program. The morning program provides an overview of Washington's legislative process, logistics for the day, a briefing on important budget and policy issues that affect survivors of domestic violence, and tips on how to guide conversations with legislators. Fact sheets, talking points, and legislator bios are all available for you to study!

Participants then sit with other advocates from their legislative district for lunch to talk over their strategy for afternoon appointments. WSCADV staff, lobbyists, and volunteers are available to provide additional information and answer questions.

After lunch everyone heads up to Capitol Hill to meet with their legislators for afternoon appointments.

### **How much does it cost?**

It's FREE!

### **Do I have to be an employee of a domestic violence organization or non-profit organization?**

NO! We love having community members, survivors, and students join us on Domestic Violence Advocacy Day.

### **How do I prepare for the day?**

We will do our best to prepare you in the morning for your afternoon appointments with your legislators.

If you want to study ahead of time, [sign up for our action alerts](#) and [visit our website](#) for more information on the bills and budget issues we are tracking and supporting.

### **Who makes appointments with my legislators?**

We do! You just show up and we tell you when and where your appointments take place.

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### **What if I'm coming alone?**

WSCADV staff and volunteers are available to accompany folks to their appointments.

### **What do I do between my appointments?**

Appointments can be spread throughout the afternoon, sometimes with long breaks in between. WSCADV staff is located in the cafeteria with snacks and thank you cards. You are encouraged to visit us to fill out thank you cards and tell us how your appointments went.

You can also wander around the Capitol Building or jump into a committee hearing to learn more about the legislative process.

### **What should I wear?**

Though the morning program and afternoon appointments are inside, you will be spending the afternoon outside moving between buildings. It can be cold and blistery in Olympia during Domestic Violence Advocacy Day so make sure you bring a rain coat or umbrella and wear comfortable shoes.

Please dress professionally for your appointments with legislators.

### **How do I get to Olympia?**

We are happy to connect you with folks in your area who are traveling to Olympia for Domestic Violence Advocacy Day. Please contact Kendra if you need assistance with transportation.

### **I have more questions!**

Please contact Kendra Gritsch at [kendra@wscadv.org](mailto:kendra@wscadv.org) or (206) 389-2515 x 214.

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