

*If you are a crime victim* who would like our help, please contact us – or have your caregivers do so:

## Victim Advocacy & Support Team

26 Central Street  
Somerville, MA 02143  
(617) 665-2992

Interpreter Services  
available  
upon request



The VICTIM ADVOCACY & SUPPORT TEAM is a service of the Victims of Violence Program and is partially supported by the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance through the 1984 VOCA grant from OVC, OJP, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

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If you or someone you love has been affected by violence, hatred or abuse ...

HELP is available—



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The Victim Advocacy and Support Team is a free service of the Victims of Violence Program of the Cambridge Health Alliance



Cambridge Health Alliance  
A COMMUNITY OF CARING

The Victim Advocacy & Support Team (VAST) provides crisis intervention, safety planning and advocacy for you and your loved ones affected by:

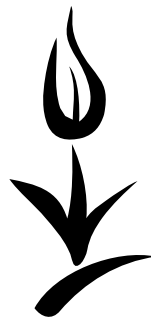
- ❧ Domestic violence
- ❧ Sexual abuse
- ❧ Stalking
- ❧ Harassment
- ❧ Incest
- ❧ Family violence
- ❧ Homicide
- ❧ Assault
- ❧ Robbery
- ❧ Hate crimes
- ❧ Trafficking
- ❧ Indentured servitude
- ❧ Labor exploitation
- ❧ Political torture
- ❧ War crimes

VAST is also available to offer consultation to service providers in the community.

*If you or someone you love has been affected by violence, hatred or abuse,*

*you may experience feelings of fear, numbness and shock, helplessness, anger, anxiety, depression, guilt or self-blame.*

*These are common reactions to trauma and violence.*



*VAST is here to help you understand your experience and to offer information & resources as you rebuild your life.*

*Our services are always confidential and provided free of charge.*

*Call us at:  
617-665-2992*

## **~What We Do~**

VAST's mission is to deliver non-judgmental support & care, assess risk & safety at every step of intervention, and offer guidance & assistance in connecting with community resources.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- ❧ Crisis intervention
- ❧ Risk assessment
- ❧ Safety planning
- ❧ Information & referrals
- ❧ Liaising with local, national, and global community & government agencies such as:
  - Courts ❖ Police ❖ Schools
  - ❖ Children's Services
  - ❖ Housing & welfare programs
  - ❖ Healthcare services
  - ❖ Immigrant & refugee services