

Domestic Violence

There are no domestic violence hotlines in Honduras. However, U.S. citizens may find [additional resources for the victims of domestic violence](#) in the United States.

There are two categories of Domestic Violence in Honduras:

1. Violencia Doméstica
2. Violencia Intrafamiliar

"Violencia Doméstica" does not involve physical injury and is considered a civil matter not a crime. Whenever a police report is filed under this category, the aggressor will be detained for a few hours and a protection/restraining order may be issued.

"Violencia Intrafamiliar" involves physical injury and is considered a crime. Once the police report is filed, the aggressor will be detained and trial procedures will be initiated. A protection/restraining order can also be obtained under this category. If the aggressor violates the order, the victim must file a new police report.

There are very few domestic violence shelters in Honduras at this time. The U.S. Embassy is only aware of two, one in the city of La Ceiba and another in Tegucigalpa. These shelters are run by NGOs and have private security. They may house around 15 people at a time. They do not usually take clients on a walk-in basis, a referral by local authorities or other entities is usually requested. Children are allowed in the shelters if accompanied by their mother.

Stalking is considered a crime in Honduras if the stalker is an authority figure (i.e, teacher, boss, etc).