

# THE PHOENIX FLYER

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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



**SINCE 1987, DVAM HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A WAY TO CONNECT ADVOCATES AND PROMOTE AWARENESS**

In October of 1981, The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence observed the "Day of Unity" which was created to connect advocates against domestic violence across the nation. This one day quickly evolved

into an entire week dedicated to hosting events that would spread awareness about the abuse of women and children, celebrating survivors, and mourning the losses of many to domestic violence.

In 1987, October was coined the National Domestic Violence Awareness month. This was also the first month in which a national toll-free crisis hotline was established. In 1989, U.S Congress officially designated October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

-Adapted from the 1996 *Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual*

## Changes in Protection Order Information

Thanks to Mario Ortiz, we were made aware of some important changes in protection order information in Denver.

The Domestic Violence Protection Order Court has relocated to 1515 Cleveland Pl. It is in courtroom #1, which is on the 4th floor.

Hearings for temporary protection orders are now Monday through Friday at 1:30pm. The paperwork will be available at

8:30am, but must be filed by noon. Remember that paperwork takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete.

Permanent Protection Order hearings will now take place Monday through Friday at 10:30am. If the defendant is in custody, the hearings will be at 11:30am, located in courtroom 124D in the City and County building.

Legal advocates from

◆ One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

◆ Approximately 1/4 of assaults on women by intimate partners are reported to police

◆ 20% of people who experience domestic violence obtain protection orders.

◆ Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, "Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey," (2000).

## OCTOBER 2009 EVENTS

◆ Kathy Robertson talk (10/6, Multicultural Lounge, 11:30-1pm)

◆ DVAM Kick-Off Rally (10/6, west steps of the State Capitol, 12pm-1:30pm)

◆ Twilight Screening (10/6, MCL, 4pm-7pm)

◆ The Price of Pleasure screening (10/13, STARZ theater, 7pm)

◆ Disabilities Awareness Festival (10/8, Tivoli Commons, 10am-3pm)

◆ Robert Jensen, "The Price of Pleasure" talk (10/15, MCL, 1pm)

◆ PCA Open House (10/22, 11:30-12pm, Tiv 329, 12:30pm-2:30pm, Tiv 259)

◆ Love, Sex and Lies (10/28-10/29, MCL, 10am-2pm)

## NEW HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICE INTERNS

◆ Ramona Ruibal-Kurylas

◆ Mary Witacil

◆ Emmanuel Leal

◆ Marina Duran

◆ Leila Gillespie

◆ Michele Rubright

◆ Dawn O'Keefe

**WELCOME !**

“NEVER BE BULLED INTO SILENCE. NEVER ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE MADE A VICTIM. ACCEPT NO ONE’S DEFINITION OF YOUR LIFE, BUT DEFINE YOURSELF.”  
-HARVEY S. FIRESTONE

*WomensLaw.Org*



“BECAUSE KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.”  
-WOMENSLAW.ORG

In 2000, Elizabeth Martin, an UNC School of Law alumna, noticed a distinct need for a comprehensive

resource for female victims of crime. In 2000, she and a group of lawyers, advocates, and web-designers created WomensLaw.org, a website that offers a multitude of information about women’s rights and crimes against women. The website is easy to navigate and contains state-specific information. WomensLaw.org won a Webby in 2009.

The website isn’t just a resource for victims. It is a great tool for staying updated on vital information, as well as a way to fact-check information you might want to give out though your work on the helpline or as a violence prevention educator. The website also keeps a blog where news is

posted weekly.

Check out WomensLaw.org at their website or on:

*Facebook:* <http://www.facebook.com/pages/WomensLaworg/25962276602>

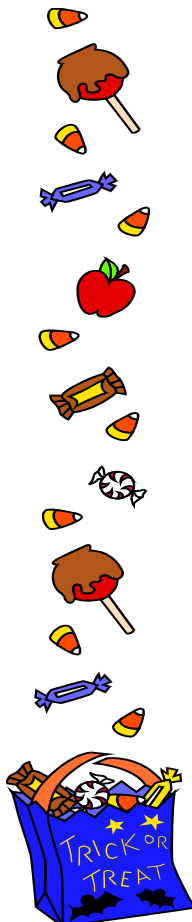
*Twitter:* <http://twitter.com/WomensLaw>

*Blog:* <http://www.womenslawreports.blogspot.com/>

**WOMENSLAW.ORG**

**MOST SEARCHED FOR HALLOWEEN CANDY**

- ◆ Tootsie Roll
- ◆ Hershey's Milk Chocolate
- ◆ Nestle Crunch
- ◆ Nerds
- ◆ Hot Tamales
- ◆ Candy Corn
- ◆ Snickers Bar
- ◆ Baby Ruth
- ◆ Reese’s Pieces
- ◆ Almond Joy



*Halloween on a Budget*

The economy may be frightful, but that doesn’t have to scare away your Halloween fun. Here are some Halloween costume ideas for those of you who are pinching pennies this season:

*Cereal Killer::* glue mini cereal boxes all over your shirt and pants. Stick plastic knives into the boxes.

*God’s Gift to Women/Men::* Gift wrap a large cardboard box. Cut some holes for your head and arms. Add a large gift tag that says “To: Women/Men” and

“From: God”.

*Grapes:* Wear a purple tee shirt and tape purple balloons all over the shirt.

*Tacky Tourist:* Wear Bermuda shorts, a tacky Hawaiian shirt, sandals with white socks, a large camera around your neck, and a fanny pack. Don’t forget to put sunscreen on your nose! Take pictures of everyone at the party and make sure to ask stupid questions. “Why are your tortilla chips blue? In *my* house, I eat red ones!”

*Weatherman::* Cut out a large square on one side of a cardboard box, then cut out a hole



**HALLOWEEN DOESN’T HAVE TO KILL YOUR BANK ACCOUNT...BE CREATIVE!**

for your head. Use foil to make antennas sticking out of the top, and draw on controls. Paste a map in the back of the box, stick your head through the hole, and voila!

*Candy Rapper:* Decorate an old shirt with candy wrappers. Then wear some gold chains around