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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

It happens behind closed doors and it's a crime that some victims are rarely willing to report.

This October, the Sheriff's Family Protection Unit is working to educate the public about *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. You can watch public safety videos by following the Sheriff's Department on Twitter: [@SDSheriff](https://twitter.com/SDSheriff).



To download Sheriff Bill Gore's message and our public safety videos for broadcast, visit <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/naHG4NJUsK>.

Sheriff Gore is also participating in *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* on Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the MLK Promenade Park in downtown San Diego. The event features men and women walking in a pair of heels to raise awareness on a tough issue.

In 2016, the Sheriff's Department responded to more than 15,000 domestic violence-related calls. Deputies arrested more than 2,600 people on domestic violence charges.

Never forget that walking away from an unhealthy relationship is brave. You deserve more and you have a right to be safe. You can call the Sheriff's Department for help regardless of your immigration or marital status, age, gender, race or sexual orientation.

If you are in danger, call 9-1-1. There are also resources available from getting a temporary restraining order to finding emergency shelter at www.sdsheriff.net/dv or call the 24-hour domestic violence hotline at (888) DVLINKS (385-4657).

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