



Sample Email Template

Dear Colleague:

This [Wednesday, October 8, 2025], [NAME OF FACILITY/SYSTEM/ASSOCIATION] is participating in Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day – an awareness-raising day that aims to reach members of the healthcare and advocacy communities to offer education about the critical importance of addressing the unique health needs of domestic violence survivors during public health emergencies and natural disasters.

Domestic violence can worsen in times of disaster or extra stress. Those experiencing domestic violence and are further isolated, and risk increased severity of violence when emergencies or disasters occur. For example, [one study](#) found domestic violence rates doubled during the pandemic.

At the same time, the needs of survivors of domestic violence have not been historically or routinely addressed in preparedness planning. In fact, some mitigation or support efforts focused on the disaster may inadvertently worsen situations for survivors.

It is crucial for healthcare providers to recognize the heightened risk of domestic violence, and partner with local survivor-serving programs when creating emergency preparedness plans.

To get involved and learn more about addressing domestic violence in emergency plans, call me at [EXT.**], or e-mail [BLANK] at [BLANK]. For further information, free resources, and technical assistance on responding to domestic violence in the health care setting, visit the Futures Without Violence website: www.FuturesWithoutViolence.org or call the, National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence at 1-415-678-5500, or e-mail: health@futureswithoutviolence.org. You can also visit the [HRC Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day](#) web-page for additional information on how to get involved with Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day and resources related to emergency preparedness planning.

Thank you for your efforts to improve the health outcomes of survivors,

[Your Email Signature]

