

Sexual and Domestic Violence Increase During Pandemic!

An increasing risk of violence during the Covid-19 pandemic

Following a brief meeting with Kansas Governor, Laura Kelly, KBTI moved quickly into action and began transcribing important printed information into Braille in both English and Spanish pertaining to Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence.

The blind and deaf/ blind community throughout the State of Kansas would now have equal access to the help they needed. From the specific location in the State's 105 counties, to contact numbers, local, regional, and national.

A Blind or Deaf-Blind woman trying to leave an abusive relationship faces unique barriers.

Information travels quickly within a Blind or Deaf-Blind community, compromising confidentiality and the victim's safety.

Police and shelters are often not skilled at communicating with the Blind or Deaf-Blind and often don't have interpreters.

The Size Of The Problem

Four million women are physically abused each year by their partners. 500,000 are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing.

31% of American women report being physically or sexually abused at some point in their lifetime. 6,000,000 are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing.

Our Institute remains committed to being there for our blind, deaf/ blind and visually impaired communities. KBTI remains committed to stepping up when such services are needed.

If you are reading this, and you are acquainted with someone whom you believe would benefit from the information mentioned herein, in Braille, or Large Print, let us know.

Whether you are in Kansas, California, or New York, we want to hear from you as well. The point here is, regardless of where you are if someone you know is blind or deaf/blind and needs help, contact us. If we cannot help you, we will do our best to direct you to someone who can.