Our churches should be a place of safety and support for those facing all types of abuse. This assessment tool allows you to highlight areas where your church can become increasingly safe and effective.

**AWARENESS**
Minimum: Demonstrate awareness regarding prevalence of abuse.

- Literature/Resources are prominently displayed
- Local and national DV helpline numbers are displayed in common areas and restrooms
- North American Division enditnow resources are available for staff and volunteers; the website/social media information is readily available

**ENGAGEMENT**
Demonstrate commitment to tackling abuse within the Church and community.

- All forms of abuse are challenged in sermons, talks, small groups, etc. Enditnow Emphasis Day is observed (fourth Sabbath in August; materials available at www.enditnownorthamerica.org)
- All staff/volunteers participate in the Adventist Screening Verification Process www.enditnownorthamerica.org/asv
- Appoint an enditnow representative/team responsible for keeping resources up to date and researching local referral services
- Domestic abuse is covered in safeguarding policies; procedures are implemented and reviewed annually. Regular training opportunities are offered (North American Division Summit on Abuse)

**SUPPORT**
Demonstrate a commitment to supporting Victims/Survivors.

- Deals safely with disclosures by reporting all allegations to appropriate authorities (Recognize, Respond, Record, Refer); aware of personal and Church limitations (see enditnow decision tree)
- Pastoral staff and church leaders are trained to offer meaningful and safe support and/or a ‘Survivors group’ is established and resourced
- Abuse response training is offered regularly (Contact enditnow North America for list of approved trainers)
- All ministries including children, youth, family, etc. provide appropriate information on abuse and resources are offered

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