

REFERRING / RESOURCES

Dental hygienists make referrals to other health care providers when necessary. This is an important part of interprofessional collaboration.

Interprofessional collaboration should be extended to include the professionals in the community who deal with the issue of domestic violence.

Your office may want to obtain business cards, pamphlets, and resources to have on hand to give to women who reveal they have suffered domestic violence.

If we want to end the issue of domestic violence, dental hygienists must do their part in supporting their patients who have suffered family violence.

For further information regarding supporting survivors of sexual abuse go to: Schachter, CL, Stalker, CA, Teram, E, Lasluk, GC, Danilkewich, A. **A Handbook on Sensitive Practice For Health Care Practitioners: Lesson from Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.** (2009), Ottawa: Public Health Agency of Canada. The handbook is available free of charge in English and French from the Public Health Agency of **Canada's National Clearing House on Family Violence**
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/publications-eng.php>
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/publications-fra.ph>

Local Shelters:

[Inasmuch House](#) (crisis) 905-529-8600 (bus.) 905-529-8149

[Interval House](#) (crisis) 905-387-8881 (bus.) 905-387-9959

[Martha House](#) (crisis) 905-523-6277 (bus.) 905-523-8895

[Native Women's Centre](#) 1-888-308-6559 (bus.) 905-664-1114

For other shelters in Canada— www.shelternet.ca

Assaulted Women's Helpline (154 languages) - 1-866-863-0511 or www.awhl.org

Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Care Centre—Hamilton Health Sciences 905-521-2100

Sexual Assault Centre—Hamilton and Area (SACHA) 905-525-4573

Woman Abuse Working Group—Hamilton www.wawg.ca