

WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE 2019 TWITTER CHAT

Thank you for committing to join us for our Twitter chat on October 18 at 2:00 pm ET, as part of our [Week Without Violence activities this week!](#)

GENERAL INFO:

WHERE: [@YWCAUSA](#)

WHEN: Friday, October 18, 2:00-3:00 pm ET

HASHTAG: #WWV19

WHO: Your organization! For a full list of partners, visit this continually updating [site](#).

PROMOTING THE CHAT:

SHAREGRAPHICS:

Please use the following graphics to promote the Twitter chat to your networks. Feel free to share with other folks and encourage them to participate! All graphics are available for download [here](#).





SAMPLE PROMOTIONAL TWEETS:

[insert a sharegraphic to accompany each tweet]

- This #DVAM, join us, @YWCAUSA, and other organizations on 10/18 at 2pm ET for a Twitter chat on the intersection between domestic violence & gun violence. #WWV19
- SAVE THE DATE: On 10/18 at 2pm ET, we will be discussing the intersection between #DV and gun violence. Join us for this important conversation! #WWV19 #DVAM
- In the midst of a rash of mass shootings, it's clear that we have much work to do to end gun violence—and we know how crucial disarming domestic abusers is to this work. Join us on 10/18 at 2pm ET for this important conversation! #WWV19
- More than half of mass shootings have roots in domestic violence. Join us, @YWCAUSA, and other organizations on 10/18 at 2pm ET to discuss the relationship between domestic violence and gun violence. #WWV19
- We are excited to join @YWCAUSA and others on 10/18 at 2pm ET for a conversation on Disarming Domestic Abusers. #WWV19
- We're really looking forward to the conversation on 10/18 at 2pm ET with @YWCAUSA and other allies about the work to end gender-based violence. Will you join us? #WWV19 #DVAM
- We're excited to be a partner for #WeekWithoutViolence, a campaign to end gender-based violence—and to be joining other organizations for this important conversation on 10/18 at 2pm ET. Join us! #WWV19 #DVAM
- TOMORROW at 2pm ET: Join us for this #WWV19 Twitter chat as we discuss Disarming Domestic Abusers and the intersection between #DV and gun violence. #DVAM
- TODAY at 2pm ET: We'll be talking firearms and domestic violence with @YWCAUSA and others. Join the conversation! #WWV19 #DVAM

PREPARING FOR THE CHAT:

TWITTER CHAT QUESTIONS:

Below is the list of questions that YWCA USA will ask during the Twitter chat. Feel free to prepare answers ahead of time. We also encourage you to tweet live and stay engaged with your fellow participants.

Q1: What are you doing in your community to raise awareness about the impacts of gender-based violence this #DVAM? What are you doing in your community to raise awareness about the impacts of gun violence?

Q2: Why is gun violence a women's issue, particularly for women of color?

Q3: How is gun violence correlated with domestic violence?

Q4: How can we hold our elected officials accountable when it comes to protecting survivors from firearms? How can we continue to inform our elected officials about the alarming statistics behind the intersection behind domestic violence and gun violence?

Q5: What current policies and initiatives are effective solutions for reducing gun violence in domestic abuse situations? What policy changes are still necessary?

Q6: Voting is an important way we can bring about change and ensure safety for survivors. Do your state and local laws protect survivors and the public from gun violence perpetrated by domestic abusers? Where can you go to learn more about your state/local laws?

Q7: What organizations do you partner with who are part of (or who could join) the effort to reduce domestic abuser-related gun violence?

SCHEDULE OF QUESTIONS:

Below is a loose timetable for the Twitter chat. Use this timetable if you want to schedule tweets ahead of time, or even if you are unable to attend the Twitter chat live but still want to participate by pre-scheduling a few tweets.

- 2:00-2:05 pm – Greetings and welcome! Rollcall: Who's joining us today?
- 2:05-2:12 pm – Q1
- 2:12-2:19 pm – Q2
- 2:19-2:26 pm – Q3
- 2:26-2:33 pm – Q4
- 2:33-2:40 pm – Q5
- 2:40-2:47 pm – Q6
- 2:47-2:54 pm – Q7
- 2:54-3:00pm – Any other thoughts to share + thank you to participants and partners!

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Thank you in advance! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Deborah Baldwin, Digital Media Specialist, at dbaldwin@ywca.org



YWCA is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities. That's why for more than 20 years, we have set aside one week in October as a [Week Without Violence](#). Week Without Violence is part of a global movement to end violence against women and girls with the World YWCA. We believe that everyone deserves to be safe and free from violence. Unfortunately, survivors of violence are not given equal access to resources and support. In fact, some violence is ignored altogether. So, as we work to end gender-based violence, we must also address the unique challenges women and girls may face.

We invite you to join us from October 14 – 18 as we share information, amplify stories, and talk with policymakers with a common goal in mind: together, we can end gender-based violence.

You and your organizations are an important part of this work and we hope you will join us in observing Week Without Violence and inviting your colleagues, friends, family, and followers to do the same. To learn more, visit the website at <http://ywcaweekwithoutviolence.org/>.