



Student Day at the Capitol 2012

We need your help! Join the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and rally to include dating violence in the Iowa criminal code!

- **You shouldn't need to marry your batterer in order to get protection from them.** Currently under the Iowa code regular assault charges are the only options to those in dating relationships...which means nearly all college students have few protections under the law.
- **Dating relationship violence is serious.** The Bureau of Justice Statistics showed that dating relationships can be just as deadly as married relationships with the number of homicides in 2005 reaching an astounding 700 for those in dating relationships nationwide compared to an only slightly higher 757 for those married.
- **Domestic abuse is different than a regular assault.** 29% of batterers reassaulted their partner within the first year, because domestic abuse consists of a continued cycle of control and violence. We need laws that address the dynamics of the crime (including no contact orders, batterers education program, etc).
- **Students can make a difference.** Hearing from constituents that are within the impacted community is essential for passing a bill that will protect students and non-students alike.

Agenda:

Wednesday, February 15th
Wallace Auditorium

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| 12 noon | Sign in, t-shirts, registration |
| 12:30 pm | Dating Violence Bill Briefing
Crash Course in Policy Advocacy |
| 2 pm | Meeting With Legislators |
| 3 pm | Optional Video Filming: A message to our siblings.
We would love your help making 30 second videos |

Registration and Additional Details:

Email Tess Cody at tessp@icadv.org please include your name, e-mail address, hometown and school.

Register in advance and save yourself a t-shirt!

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Directions to Des Moines:

From the West:

Follow Interstate 80 heading East towards Des Moines. As you enter West Des Moines you will have the option to continue straight onto I-235/80 into Des Moines.

From the East:

Follow Interstate 80 heading West towards Des Moines. After passing Altoona there will be an exit on the left hand side for I-235 into Des Moines. Follow 235 into the city.

From the North:

Follow Interstate 35 South. After passing Ankeny, be alert. There will be an option to continue heading south onto I-235. Careful to pay attention to your lane as some force you to exit onto other roads.

From the South:

Follow Interstate 35 North. After you enter West Des Moines you will have the option to exit onto I-235 heading east. If you reach 80 East you have gone too far. Take I-235 East into Des Moines

**If you get lost on your way you can call the ICADV office at 515-244-8028 and they will do their best to direct you.

