To provide the most updated information to survivors, their loved ones, and the professionals who help them, this past year the WomensLaw team reviewed amendments to 392 state-specific statutes and added 302 newly-created statutes from 54 states and territories. We also created responses for 234 new legal questions, revised 410 existing legal questions, and added 74 new crimes and their statutory definitions. In our Places that Help section, we added 132 new state-specific resources and revised 626 existing ones.

Here are the top six additions to WomensLaw.org that are not specific to any state. To learn more about all of our legal and non-legal updates and additions in 2021, please visit our What’s New page.

1. **After an Abuser is Released from Jail**
   An abuser’s release from jail can be a very difficult time for a survivor. In our new section, Safety When an Abuser Gets Out of Jail, we cover how to stay abreast of the abuser’s incarceration status and steps survivors can take to stay safe.

2. **Emotional and Psychological Abuse**
   This type of abuse is extremely common and can have severe short- and long-term effects on survivors’ physical and mental health. On our new Emotional and Psychological Abuse page, we give examples of these forms of abuse and the effects they can have on victims.

3. **Filing an Appeal**
   Many survivors need help understanding the appeals process. With the help of DV LEAP, we doubled the size of our File an Appeal section. It now includes questions about how to set up the case for appeal, the importance of objections, and what to keep in mind when going to court.

4. **Immigration Relief**
   Undocumented survivors may have a harder time escaping abuse because of the legal issues related to their status. With the help of ASISTA, we have completely rewritten and much improved our VAWA and U Visa sections to provide as much information as possible.

5. **Housing Protections**
   Maintaining stable housing can be a difficult hurdle for survivors to overcome. Our VAWA Housing Protections page explains how VAWA protects federally subsidized tenants from being denied housing or evicted because they are a victim of domestic violence. Thanks to the National Housing Law Project for their review and edits!

6. **Custody and Domestic Violence**
   Custody can be complicated when one parent is abusive. We created an Online Information Clinic (OIC) video series on Custody with basic information on the custody court process and special considerations for survivors. We also updated our Parental Kidnapping and Custody pages. Thanks to the Legal Resource Center for Violence Against Women for their help!