

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence is a crime

A victim of domestic violence or abuse has the right to have a domestic violence counselor and a support person of the victim's choosing present at any interview by law enforcement authorities, district attorneys, or defense attorneys. The support person may be excluded from an interview by law enforcement or the DA if they determine that the presence of that individual would be detrimental to the purpose of the interview. ***Penal Code Section 679.05*

Domestic Violence is NOT YOUR FAULT!

Offenders use many tools to exert power and control over their partner. These include:

- Intimidation
- Emotional Abuse
- Isolation from friends and family members
- Denying or minimizing the abuse
- Using children to control their partner
- Using coercion and threats
- Exerting control over household finances
- Making threats to harm pets
- Making threats of suicide
- Stalking
- Threatening to "make it worse" if the abuse is reported.

*** An initial investigation by law enforcement to determine whether a crime has been committed shall not constitute an "interview" for the purposes of this Penal Code section.*

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault by a person who is known to you, including by a spouse, is a crime. If you have been the victim of sexual assault, **call 911** or your local law enforcement agency immediately.

SafeQuest Rape Crisis Hotline:
707-422-7345 Fairfield
707-557-6600 Vallejo/Benicia

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

You may ask the district attorney to file a criminal complaint. You have the right to file a petition with the Superior Court *requesting*:

- An order restraining the offender from abusing you and other family members
- An order directing the offender to leave the house
- An order preventing the offender from entering the residence, school, business, or your place of employment
- An order awarding custody of or visitation with minor children
- An order restraining the offender from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody
- An order directing the other parent to pay support for minor children if there is a legal obligation to do so
- An order directing the defendant to make specified debit payments due, while the order is in effect
- An order directing either or both of you into counseling

The court may grant some, all, or none of the requests above.

You have the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings, and other expenses for injuries sustained and damage to property, and any other related expenses incurred by you or any agency that shelters you.

For more information on the California Victims' Compensation Program, contact :

1-800-777-9229

Copy of Report

You are able to obtain a copy of the police report by contacting the Records Department at the Benicia Police Department at
707-746-4245

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

For information about shelter services contact :

SafeQuest Solano

Confidential Domestic Violence
Advocacy/Shelters/Support
Toll free: 1 866-487-7233
707 422-7345—Fairfield
707 557-6600—Vallejo

Solano County Health and Social Services

1-800 400-6001

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

Child Protective Services

1-800 544-8696

Adult Protective Services

1-800 850-0012

Solano County District Attorney Crime Victim Assistance Unit

Fairfield: 707 784-6844

Vallejo: 707 553-5052 or 707 553-5400

Solano Legal Access Center

707 207-7348

Catholic Social Services

Information services for victims of domestic violence

707-556-9137

For more information about other available services in the community, please contact the:

Benicia Family Resource Center
707 746-4352 or 707 746-4317

VICTIM'S RESOURCE GUIDE

**CITY OF BENICIA
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**200 East L Street
Benicia, CA
707-745-3411**

Officer: _____

Badge#: _____

Case #: _____

Offense: _____

Date: _____

EPO Issued: Yes _____ No _____

SAFETY PLAN

Call

Call 911....

If you are in immediate danger.

Teach

Teach your children how to dial 911 in case of an emergency.

Tell

Tell a family member or friend what is happening in your home or relationship.

Keep

Keep important information with you at all times (bank account numbers, Safe Quest phone numbers, spare keys, medical record numbers, social security numbers, etc).

Prepare

Prepare a bag and keep it at a friend's or family member's home. The bag should contain: money, clothing, copies of important documents (such as photo identification for you and your children, driver license, marriage license, birth certificates, house and car keys, health insurance information.)

Know

Know exactly where you are going to go and how you will get there. Remember, you might need to leave in a hurry.

For more information contact :
Solano County Office of
Family Violence Prevention
Resource Referrals
707 784-7677 or 707 784-7683

IF YOU ARE HURTING SOMEONE YOU LOVE

Offender Education Programs

- **SafeQuest (707) 422-7345** Offers offenders' education groups in Solano County.
- **STAND Against Domestic Violence** Contra Costa County **(925) 676-2968 or 1800-799-7233** Offers a batterer treatment program (men and women) for Contra Costa County but accepts out-of-county participants as well.
- **Catholic Social Services New Pathways** Vacaville **(707) 455-7614** Vallejo **(707) 556-9137** Offers 52 week court-mandated program for domestic violence offenders (men and women). Also offers 16 hour Anger Management program in Vallejo only.
- **Pacific Educational Services (800) 346-5891** Offers a 52 week domestic violence program for men and women. Offender education-anger control, Spanish speaking courses offered, and parenting classes (8 weeks, or 16-52 weeks) also. Sliding fee scale. Must show proof of income. Services in Fairfield, Vacaville, Sacramento and Vallejo. **Must be ordered by court or probation to attend.**
- **DVERT (DV Education, Rehabilitation & Treatment) (707) 249-3405** Offers both anger management court-ordered (8-24 hours) and 52-week programs. Court-mandated programs for domestic violence offenders (men and women) offered in both in English & Spanish.
- **Healing in Progress (707) 644-5421** Offers a 52 week offender program for women and men, and anger management for groups or individuals. Available in Fairfield, Vallejo, and Napa.
- **MAWS (Man Kind Program) 415-457-6760** Men's Hotline for support and prevention strategies. Also provides offender education programs.

Arresting the Offender

Officers will arrest and take to jail offenders who cause serious injuries or who commit repeat offenses. For your protection, it is important to know that despite the arrest of the batterer, he/she may, at any time, be released from custody. **To arrange for advance notification call 1-877-331-8463 the VINE System** (Victim Information and Notification) for more information.

Protective Orders

Protective orders are requested from the court to order offenders to stay away from victims, children, residence, place of employment, and other public places. A Judge or Commissioner may issue an **Emergency Protective Order** that is valid for 5 working days when it is requested by a law enforcement officer who asserts reasonable grounds to believe a victim is in immediate and present danger. A **Temporary Restraining Order** is requested from Family Law Court. It is intended to restrain a person in an intimate relationship from causing harm or threats of harm. A **Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)** packet can be obtained from the Superior Court Family Law Division. Additionally, assistance in filling out the **TRO** application is available at the Fairfield Courthouse, 600 Union Ave. Call **(707) 421-6881** for more information.

Domestic Violence Hurts Kids!

Witnessing domestic violence increases a child's risk for emotional, behavioral, academic, social and physical problems throughout life. These children are also at risk of repeating their experience in the next generation, either as victims or perpetrators of violence in their own intimate relationships. Studies show that children living in homes with domestic violence have a harder time in school, are more likely to be in a violent dating relationship, are at increased risk for drug and alcohol abuse and pregnancy. Contact The Office of Family Violence Prevention to find out more about reducing children's exposure to violence.

Substance Abuse Treatment

- **Southern Solano Alcohol/Drug Council** In/outpatient substance abuse treatment services, crisis line and drop in services. **707-643-2715**
- **Kaiser Chemical Dependency Recovery Program** Treatment program for Kaiser members, including Medi-Cal enrollees. **707-651-1050**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** Referrals to 12 step AA groups for people with a strong desire to stop drinking. **707-643-8217**
- **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** 12-step support group for anyone with a strong desire to stop using. **707-251-5982**

Survivor Advocacy Programs

SafeQuest

Counseling and support groups for domestic violence victims. Services offered in Spanish and English. Toll Free **(866) 487-7233**

NEWS (Napa Emergency Women's Services) 24 hr domestic violence crisis line, emergency shelter, legal advocacy and children's services. **707-255-6397**

MAWS (Marin Abused Women's Services) 24 hr domestic violence hot line, emergency shelter, and survivors support groups.

English Hotline **415-924-6616**
Spanish Hotline **415-924-3456**

WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment) Located in Sacramento, offers out of county beds and services in 23 Languages. **916-920-2952**

Lift3 Support

Assists survivors through long term support, life skills, business training, and employment assistance. **707-731-1252**