

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME IN OHIO

INFORMATION TO HELP PLAN FOR YOUR SAFETY

Officer & Badge/Unit No.

Law Enforcement Agency

Report No./Case No.

Date

To Find Out Your Court Date – Call the Clerk of Court

Your abuser's first court appearance may be within hours of arrest; it may be 7 days before the clerk's office can provide other court dates.

___ Dayton Municipal Court – 333-4315

___ Kettering Municipal Court – 296-2461 (option 3, then 0)

___ Miamisburg Municipal Court – 866-2203 (dial 0)

___ Montgomery Co. Common Pleas Ct. – 225-6000

___ Oakwood Municipal Court – 293-3058

___ Vandalia Municipal Court – 898-3996 (option 1)

___ Montgomery Co. Municipal Ct.

___ Western Division – 687-9099 (option 2)

___ Eastern Division – 496-7231 (option 1, then 1)

Call the Jail

Your abuser may be released on bail without notice to you. To find out if your abuser is in jail, you can call the Montgomery County jail at 225-4161, call the DV Hotline at 937-461-HELP (4357) or go to www.miamivalleyjails.org. Be sure to use a safe computer! To be notified of abuser's release from jail or prison, register at VINE 1-800-770-0192.

Call Pre-Trial Services

To give information to the court to consider before bail is set, call 225-3477 or 225-4394. Caution: not always confidential.

Develop a Safety Plan

Once abuse has started, it is likely to continue and get worse. Make a plan to protect yourself and your children. If your children are old enough, share the safety plan with them. If you are planning to leave your abuser, keep in mind that your abuser is likely to become more violent and/or unpredictable during or just prior to separation. It may be safer not to tell your abuser you plan to leave. Please call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 937-461-HELP (4357) to discuss options about how to stay safe.

HELP FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN In an Emergency – Call 911

24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 937-461-HELP (4357)

- Deaf individuals using the Ohio Relay Service can ask for: 937-461-HELP(4357); TTY: 937-461-7910
- Crisis Assistance, including Safety Planning; calls answered by the Artemis Center.

Artemis Center: Business Line: 937-461-5091

- Provides information & referrals, legal information, court accompaniment, emotional support, support groups, and assistance with getting Protection Orders and applying for Crime Victim Compensation. Accepts collect calls. No fees for services.
- **Therapy for Children** – From birth to 17 years. No fees for services.
- www.artemiscenter.org Be Sure to Use a Safe Computer!

YWCA Shelter Services: 937-222-6333

- Provides emergency safe shelter, information & referral, and related supportive services for domestic violence victims. Accepts collect calls. No fees for services.
- www.ywcadayton.org Be Sure to Use a Safe Computer!

Family Service Association (Family Services): Call: 937-222-9481; Video Phone: 937- 641-8186; website: www.fsadayton.org

- Counseling, advocacy and support provided free to all crime victims, including childhood violence/abuse, with specialized programs for victims of domestic violence and their families. Also providing parenting education, anger management and support groups; also serving Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with counseling, case management and interpreting services.
- Call for appointment – daytime, evening and weekend hours available, with some same day appointments.

Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office (MCPO) Victim Witness Division Advocates: 937-225-5623 (24-Hour Crisis Line)

- Assists victims of felony offenses throughout court process.

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)

- Provides free legal services related to immigration matters for domestic violence victims.

Legal Aid of Western Ohio

- People who are Deaf can call Ohio Relay at 1-800-750-0750 and ask for 1-800-837-0814.
- Provides free civil legal services to domestic violence victims on issues including obtaining a protection order, housing, public benefits, and education.

For both ABLE and Legal Aid Call 1-888-534-1432 to apply for free legal services

- Interpreters are available at no cost.
- Deaf individuals using Ohio Relay Service can call 1-800-750-0750 and ask for 1-800-837-0814.
- www.legalaidline.org can also be used to apply for services. Be sure to use a safe computer!



AVIATOR – App to Ohio Resources in all 88 counties for crime victims; instant, secure access to information. AVIATOR App by Family Services is free to download from Google Play or Apple App Stores to any smart phone. Visit www.aviatorapp.com for more info.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR STALKING VICTIM
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK RELIEF THROUGH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL COURT

CRIMINAL COURT

You have the right to participate in the prosecution process. The option to “drop” charges is not available to the victim. Domestic violence is not only a crime against you; but is also a crime against the State. Therefore, once the case is accepted, the decision to “drop” charges can only be made by the prosecutor.

You have the right to provide the court with a victim impact statement. A victim impact statement may assist the court when making a decision in a case.

You have the right to request a protection order from the criminal court. A protection order issued by a criminal court will order the abuser to stay away from your residence, work, and/or school. The protection order will also order the abuser to refrain from contacting you in any way, including telephoning, harassing, or threatening you directly or through others. The kind of protection order available to you depends on your relationship with the abuser. **A criminal protection order will expire when the case is resolved or dismissed.**

To obtain relief through criminal court, follow the instructions given to you by the law enforcement officer who gives you this sheet. Depending on where you live in Montgomery County, you may be instructed to go to your local police department, prosecutor’s office, and/or clerk of courts. Call the **Domestic Violence Hotline at 937-461-HELP (4357)** or **Artemis Center at 937-461-5091** for information about obtaining a protection order and court accompaniment.

If your abuser is found guilty, your abuser may be put in jail or prison, ordered into batterer’s intervention, ordered to pay a fine, put on probation, given a suspended sentence, or a combination of the above.

CIVIL COURT

If you are related by blood or marriage, have a child with, live with (as romantic partners), have lived with (as romantic partners) in the past 5 years, or are divorced from the abuser, you can request a Civil Protection Order (CPO). It is not necessary to have an attorney to file for a CPO. However, Artemis Center suggests you speak with an attorney before you file for a CPO and can provide you with referrals to attorneys who can help. Contact Artemis through the **Domestic Violence Hotline 937-461-HELP (4357)**. You may also qualify for legal representation through **Legal Aid of Western Ohio by calling toll free 1-888-534-1432**. A CPO is free of charge, can last up to five years, and may order the following:

- Vacate the abuser from the home
- Temporary custody of children
- Establish child visitation
- Child support
- Temporary use of family car
- Appointment of household items
- Treatment for the abuser

If you are just roommates or have not lived with the abuser in the last 5 years, are not related to the abuser by blood or marriage, have never been married to the abuser, and do not have a child with the abuser, you can request a Stalking And/Or Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Order (SSOOPO). It is not necessary to have an attorney to file for a SSOOPO. However, Artemis Center suggests you speak with an attorney before you file for a SSOOPO and can provide you with referrals to attorneys who can help. Call Artemis through the **Domestic Violence Hotline 937-461-HELP (4357)**. A SSOOPO is free of charge, can last up to five years, and may order treatment for the abuser. When you file for a SSOOPO, you can also ask the court to order electronic monitoring of the abuser, if available in your jurisdiction.

PROTECTION ORDER ENFORCEMENT

If your abuser violates your protection order, report the violation to your local law enforcement agency. Violating a protection order is a crime in Ohio. You have the right to enforce your protection order against the person who assaulted you. If your protection order is from Domestic Relations Court, you may also seek contempt proceedings. Remember, the protection order is against your abuser. You cannot be charged with violating your own protection order.

COMPENSATION

You may be eligible for Crime Victim Compensation for financial losses, such as medical costs and wages, not covered by other insurance or benefits. Call toll free **1-800-582-2877** to find out if this option is applicable to your case. Artemis Center advocates and/or Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office Victim Witness advocates can provide you with the necessary forms and assist you with completing them or refer you to an attorney who can help you.