

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE IS A CRIME IN OHIO
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE
THIS INFORMATION SHEET PROVIDES OPTIONS
TO HELP PLAN FOR YOUR SAFETY

Officer & Badge No.

Unit No.

Report No./Case No.

Date

Call the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office (MCPO)

To get information about your case and court dates, and to find out if your abuser is still in detention, call the MCPO at 225-4253. **After 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, call the MCPO Victim Witness Division at 225-5623 to find out if your abuser is still in detention.**

Call the Juvenile Justice Center

EVEN IF YOUR ABUSER WAS ARRESTED, YOU STILL NEED TO PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE SAFETY. YOUR ABUSER MAY BE RELEASED WITHOUT NOTICE TO YOU. Call the Juvenile Court Intervention Center at 225-4141 to get information about Juvenile Court Civil Protection Orders. For more information, see the back page.

Develop a Safety Plan

Once abuse has started, it is likely to continue and get worse. Make a plan to protect yourself. If your abuser is a dating partner and you are planning to end the relationship, keep in mind that your abuser is likely to become more violent and/or unpredictable. Please call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 937-222-SAFE (7233) to discuss options about how to stay safe.

RESOURCES FOR TEENS

In an Emergency – Call 911 or Your Local Law Enforcement Agency

Victim/Witness Division of the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office – www.mcpo.com

For Safety, Be Sure to Use a Computer the Abuser Can't Access!

- 24 Hour Crisis Line 937-225-5623
- Provides crisis intervention, support, and referrals
- Explanation of criminal justice process, court accompaniment and assistance with Crime Victim Compensation
- No fees for services

Domestic Violence Hotline – 937-222-SAFE (7233)

- Deaf individuals using Video Relay can ask for: 937-222-SAFE (7233); TTY: 937-461-7910
- 24 Hour Response, including Safety Planning
- Answered by Artemis Center 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. weekdays and the YWCA Shelter for Battered Women evenings, weekends and holidays

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- Provides information & referrals, legal information, court accompaniment, emotional support, and assistance with getting Protection Orders and applying for Crime Victim Compensation. Accepts collect calls. No fees for services.
- **Therapy for Children and Teens** – From birth to 18 years. No fees for services.

YWCA Shelter Services – www.ywcadayton.org – For Safety, Be Sure to Use a Computer the Abuser Can't Access!

- 24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline 937-222-SAFE (7233) After Hours Response or 937-222-6333
- Deaf individuals using Video Relay ask for 937-222-7233 TTY 937-331-7112 Business Line 937-222-8946
- Accepts collect calls. No fees for services.

Legal Aid of Western Ohio - www.legalaidline.org – For Safety, Be Sure to Use a Computer the Abuser Can't Access!

- 1-888-534-1432 People who are deaf can call Ohio Relay at 1-800-750-0750 and ask for 1-800-837-0814.
- Provides legal services to domestic violence victims who meet financial and other criteria.

Adolescent Wellness Center of Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County – 222-WELL (9355)

- Provides primary medical care for teens, STD and Pregnancy Testing, and Counseling
- Accepts health insurance including most private insurance, Medicaid, Amerigroup, CareSource, and Molina. A sliding fee scale is available for clients without insurance.

Abuser Release Notification

VINE Registration 1-800-770-0192 - Register to be notified of the abuser's release from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. NOTE: Does NOT provide notification of release from the Montgomery County Juvenile Detention Center.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE OR STALKING

JUVENILE COURT CHARGES AGAINST THE OFFENDER

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

If the abuser is found responsible (guilty), you have the right to provide the court with a written or verbal victim impact statement which may assist the court when making a decision on the appropriate punishment in the case.

To obtain relief through criminal court, follow the instructions given to you by the law enforcement officer who gives you this sheet. You can also call the **Domestic Violence Hotline at 937-222- SAFE (222-7233)**, **Artemis Center at 937-461-5091**, or **MCPO Victim/Witness Division at 937-225-5623** for information about the legal system and court accompaniment.

If your abuser is found responsible (guilty), your abuser may be confined in a juvenile facility, ordered into counseling, ordered to pay a fine, put on probation, given a suspended sentence, or a combination of the above.

CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER

If your abuser is under age 18 and and you live in Montgomery County, you can request a Juvenile Court Civil Protection Order (JCPO). It is not necessary to have an attorney to file for a JCPO. However, Artemis Center suggests you speak with an attorney before you file for a JCPO. If you do not have an attorney, you can request assistance and/or an attorney through **Legal Aid of Western Ohio by calling toll free 1-888-534-1432** or by calling the Dayton Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service at 222-6102. If you would like assistance with and/or information about the court process and safety planning you may speak with a victim advocate by calling the Domestic Violence Hotline (24/7) at 222-SAFE (222-7233), Artemis Center 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays at 222-SAFE (222-7233), or the Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office Victim/Witness Division (24/7) at 225-5623.

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. Remember, the protection order is against your abuser. You cannot be charged with violating your own protection order.

CRIME VICTIM 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. However, damage to personal property is generally not covered. Call toll free 1-800-582-2877 to find out if this option is applicable to your case. Artemis Center advocates can provide you with the necessary forms and assist you with completing them or refer you to an attorney who can help you. For more information go to: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/VictimsCompensation.aspx/?from=nav>.

BASIC SAFETY PLANNING FOR TEENS

It’s important to have a safety plan before you get a Juvenile Court Civil Protection Order (JCPO), because the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office will serve the abuser with a copy of the JCPO. This will likely make the abuser angry. Consider contacting a victim advocate at Artemis Center (222-7233) or the Victim/Witness Division of the Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office (225-5623) for help with developing a safety plan that is designed for your situation. However, below is a list of steps you can take to stay safer.

- Talk with your parents and friends about what you are going through so they can support you and look out for you.
- Keep a charged cell phone handy in case of emergency. If you do not have a cell phone contact Artemis Center or the YWCA by calling the Domestic Violence Hotline at 222-SAFE (222-7233) to request a 911 cell phone.
- If your abuser goes to your school, talk to your school counselors and ask for their help. They may change your or your abuser’s schedule, if necessary.
- Avoid being alone with your abuser.
- Avoid being alone when you leave home. Set up a buddy system for when you go places.
- Vary your schedule and routes outside of school.
- In an emergency call 911 or your local law enforcement agency.