

Domestic Violence Victim Rights and Resources

Case # _____

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can ask the city or county prosecuting attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to file a petition in superior, district, or municipal court requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse which could include any of the following:

- (a) An order restraining your abuser from further acts of abuse;
- (b) an order directing your abuser to leave your household;
- (c) an order preventing your abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;
- (d) an order awarding you or the other parent custody of or visitation with your minor child or children; and
- (e) an order restraining your abuser from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody; and
- (f) an order requiring your abuser to turn in any firearms and concealed pistol license in the abuser's possession or control to law enforcement and prohibiting the abuser from possessing or accessing firearms or a concealed pistol license for the duration of the civil order.

The forms you need to obtain a protection order are available in any municipal, district, or superior court. Information about shelters and alternatives to domestic violence is available from a statewide twenty-four-hour toll-free hotline at 800-562-6025. The battered women's shelter and other resources in your area are listed on the back of this document.

You can get the forms required to file an Order for Protection at:

Superior Court Clerk's Office, First Floor, Courthouse, 1200 Franklin Street Vancouver, WA 98668

For Assistance and filing information, call:

Victim Witness Assistance: (360) 487-8545 or **YWCA** (360) 696-0167

To get information about the status of your case contact:

The Domestic Violence Prosecution Center, 1101 Broadway St #120 Vancouver, WA 98660, Phone: 360-487-8530

How to File for a Protection Order In Clark County

STEP ONE – GET PROTECTION ORDER FORMS You may obtain free forms from the Superior Court Clerk in the Courthouse. Business hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 397-2292.

STEP TWO – COMPLETE THE FORMS – Turn into Court Clerk by 11 a.m. on any week day.

STEP THREE – JUDGE'S SIGNATURE Return to the Court Clerk's Office at 1 p.m. for court date and Judge assignment. You will be told which Judge is signing Temporary Orders that day. File the signed forms with the Court Clerk.

STEP FOUR – RESPONDENT NOTIFIED The Respondent must be served with a copy of the Protection Order and a notice of hearing.

STEP FIVE – HEARING Protection Order hearings are on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Your hearing will be about two weeks from the time the Judge signs the Temporary Order. **PLEASE READ YOUR COURT PAPERS FOR THE EXACT DATE, TIME AND DEPARTMENT FOR YOUR HEARING.**

An Order for Protection may allow police to arrest the respondent if:

- Respondent causes you or your minor children physical or sexual harm.
- Respondent molests, harasses or threatens you or your children.
- Respondent takes your children out of state.
- An Order may remove the Respondent from the family home.

An Order for Protection CANNOT:

- Set or order child support
- Assign property to either party
- Establish permanent child custody
- Grant permanent use of the family home

Resources for Domestic Violence Victims and their Families

Resource	Contact Information
Emergency Services—Police, Fire, Ambulance	9-1-1
Clark County Crisis Hotline (24 hours)	800-626-8137
Parent Trust of Washington (Support Group)	360-687-7126
Sexual Assault Hotline (24 hours)	360-695-0501
Safe Choice (Domestic Violence Emergency Housing—24 hours)	360-695-0501
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	866-764-2233
Vinelink (www.vinelink.com) - Notification of Offender Release from Jail/Prison	877-846-3492
Washington State Crime Victim Compensation Office	360-902-5355
Volunteer Lawyer Program	360-695-5313
Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Domestic Violence	360-487-8530
Victim Witness Unit—Victim Advocacy	564-397-2261
Children's Justice Center	866-764-2233
YWCA Protection Order Assistance	360-695-0501
Superior Court Clerk—Clark County	564-397-2292
District Court Clerk—Clark County	564-397-2424
Clark County Information and Referral Service	360-694-8899
Washington State 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline	800-562-6025
Housing Assistance	360-695-9677
Danger/Lethality Assessment	www.dangerassessment.org
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Information	(website in development)

Clark County YWCA can provide assistance to victims of Domestic Violence with PETS.

Safety Planning Considerations

Advise friends, neighbors, co-workers of situation so they can help watch for suspicious activity	Meet in public places for child custody exchanges or have a neutral third party facilitate the exchange
Update exterior lighting and/or install security cameras	Keep a phone with you so you can call 9-1-1
Locate a safe place to go in an emergency which is not known to the suspect	Use app such as "Our Family Wizard" or "Talking Parents" for communicating regarding child custody
Change house locks/garage door codes	Dowels in windows and sliding glass doors
Lock all doors and windows	Change phone number
Change/Delete social media accounts	Regularly change time/route to work/school
Do not communicate with the suspect unnecessarily	Delete location sharing apps/Do not share location
Use "myPlan App" for personalized safety planning	Sign up for Vinelink offender release notification