

# Domestic Violence Notice

## Notice of Rights

### For Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

If you are the victim of domestic violence you can ask the City of Tacoma or the Pierce County prosecuting attorney to file a criminal complaint.

You have the right to file a petition in Municipal, District or Superior Court requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse which would 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**
- (d) **an order awarding you or the other parent custody or visitation with your minor child or children**
- (e) **an order restraining your abuser from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody**

The forms you need to obtain a protection order are available in any Municipal, District, or Superior Court.

**Additional information about the rights of victims and survivors of domestic violence on other side**

#### Call 911 or your local Domestic Violence Program

<b>YWCA Shelter</b> .....	253-383-3263
24 Hour Crisis Hotline.....	253-383-2593
<b>Family Renewal Shelter</b> .....	253-475-9010
24 Hour Crisis Hotline.....	888-550-3915
<b>Crystal Judson Family Justice Center</b>	
Helpline .....	253-798-4166
24 Hour.....	800-764-2420
TDD.....	253-798-6050
PC Sexual Assault Center .....	253-474-7273
<b>TPD Non-emergency number</b> ....	253-798-4721

#### 24 Hour Help

Statewide (800) 562-6025  
Nationwide (800) 799-7233

[www.Thehotline.org](http://www.Thehotline.org)  
[www.Familyjusticecenter.org](http://www.Familyjusticecenter.org)  
[www.Tacomapolice.org](http://www.Tacomapolice.org)

## Domestic Violence Resources

### Shelters

#### Pierce County

Family Renewal.....	253-475-9010
Salvation Army Family Lodge.....	253-627-3962
YWCA.....	253-383-2593
KWA.....	253-359-0470
Exodus Housing.....	253-862-6808
Our Sister's House.....	253-383-4275
Puyallup Tribe Shelter.....	253-680-5499
(Get Connected to Resources).....	211

#### King County

Catherine Booth House.....	206-324-4943
Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) 425-656-7867 or (877)-465-7234	
Eastside DV Program.....	800-827-8840
New Beginnings.....	206-522-9472

#### Kitsap County

St. Vincent's de Paul...360-479-7017 ext. 2	
YWCA .....	360-479-0522
YWCA (ALIVE) .....	360-479-5118
YWCA Crisis Line .....	800-500-5513

#### Thurston County

Safeplace.....	360-754-6300
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### Support Groups & Advocacy Services

Child & Family Guidance.....	253-565-4484
Family Renewal Shelter.....	253-475-9010
Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) 24 Hour DV/Victims Advocate.....	253-967-6194
Good Samaritan Hospital.....	888-445-8120
Family Justice Center.....	253-798-4166
IndoChinese Cultural Service Center	
KWA.....	253-473-5666
Madigan Family Advocacy.....	253-968-4159
Catholic Community Services.....	253-502-2696
Parkland Family Support.....	253-798-6557
Pierce County Domestic Violence Unit	
Protection Order....	253-798-7455 ext5, ext2
Puyallup Tribe DV Advocate..	253-680-5605
Refugee Women's Alliance...206-721-0243	
Puyallup DV Advocate.....	253-435-3654
YWCA.....	253-383-2594
Multicultural Women's Support Group	
Safe Place.....	360-786-8754 ext. 107

## Rights and Court Resources for Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence

### Abuser Arrested by Police

If your abuser was arrested by the police following the reported incident, a hearing must be held for the abuser (defendant) within 24 hours (except on weekends and holidays) after the arrest. Please call the Municipal Court Clerk's Office at (253) 798-7455 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, for the scheduled date and time of the hearing. *The victim has the right to be present, but your appearance is NOT mandatory.*

### Abuser NOT Arrested by Police

A City of Tacoma Police detective receives reported cases in which the abuser (suspect) was not arrested. The detective will review the report and may request a Summons or warrant for the abuser from the appropriate Prosecutor's Office.

### Court Orders

There are three types of orders which may be obtained from a court in domestic violence cases. You may wish to obtain one or more of the following:

#### 1. Restraining Orders

You may need to contact a private attorney to obtain this type of order. It is obtained in a civil proceeding and can incorporate property settlement issues as well as parenting plans which address custody and visitation of minor children. A violation of a restraining order is not criminal unless specifically stated in the order.

#### 2. No Contact Orders

This order is issued by a judge only at the time of arraignment or trial after a criminal offense has been reported and charged. *Please call 253-798-7455 prior to the defendant's arraignment date to request this order.*

#### 3. Protection Orders

Protection orders may be issued to anyone who qualifies under the *Domestic Violence Act* relationship guidelines as follows:

- spouse
- former spouse
- parent and adult child
- related by blood
- related by marriage (in-laws)
- child in common
- presently live together
- lived together in the past
- and/or dating relationship

*Please call 253-798-7455 for more information. There is no fee. The forms you need to obtain a protection order are available in any Superior Court Clerk's Office. You do not have to make a police report in order to file for a Domestic Violence Order for Protection.*

## Domestic Violence Resources

### Legal Services

Lakewood City Hall.....	253-589-2489
Lawyer Referral.....	253-383-3432
Victim Witness Assistance.....	253-798-7400
Tacoma Municipal Building.....	253-591-5000
Tenants Union of Washington State	
CLEAR hotline (legal rights).....	206-723-0500

### Seattle

Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy	
Emergency.....	206-257-7035
King County Domestic Violence - Sexual	
Assault Crisis Line (24 Hours)..	888-998-6423
NW Network of Bisexual Transgendered	
Lesbian Gay Survivors of Abuse	
.....	206-568-7777
Northwest Women's Law Center	
.....	206-682-9552

### Victim Information & Notification

#### Everyday

Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) is a free, anonymous, computer-based service that provides victims of crime two important services: information and notification.

#### Information

For offender custody information, call 1-(877)-846-3492 and follow the prompts. Callers use basic information to search the VINE database. VINE will quickly tell the caller if the inmate is still in custody. Victims may call VINE from any touch-tone phone, anytime, to check on an inmate's custody status.

#### Notification

Callers may then choose to register for an automated notification call when an inmate is released, transferred, or in the event of an escape. To register, callers simply enter the phone number, including area code, where they want to be reached. Callers will then be asked to enter a personal identification number (PIN) for use during notification. The service will automatically call when the inmate is released, transferred or in the event of an escape.

### Anti-Harassment Orders

If the listed types of court orders do not apply to your situation, but the patterns of behavior in your case meet the legal definition of harassment, you may apply to the district court for an anti-harassment order.