

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, LIFT3 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.

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 attacker from abusing you and other family members
- An order directing the attacker to leave the household
- An order preventing the attacker 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 attacker 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, you may contact 1-800-777-9229

If you are being hurt by your partner, there is help available. Refer to the numbers on this brochure.
For additional resources and information in Spanish:

Go to www.solanocounty.com/stoptheviolence

**AFTER HOURS CRISIS LINE: 707-425-1867
LIFT3 SUPPORT GROUP & SHELTER SERVICES**



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SOLANO COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION RESOURCES



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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!**

Batterers 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.

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

For emergency shelter services or for confidential victim advocacy contact

LIFT3 Support Group
707 398-6865

AFTER HOURS CRISIS LINE
707 425-1867

Solano County Family Justice Center

604 Empire Street, Fairfield

Office Hours are Monday– Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

707 784-7635

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Health and Social Services

Help Line

800 400-6001

Child Protective Services

800 544-8696

Adult Protective Services

800 850-0012 After Hours

707 784-8259 Office Hours

Solano County Victim Witness Program

Fairfield: 707 784-6844

Vallejo: 707 553-5052

Solano County Mental Health Crisis Unit

707 428-1131

Solano Legal Access Center

600 Union Ave. 2nd Floor

Fairfield, CA 94533

Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

For additional resources, go to
www.solanocounty.com/stoptheviolence

Arresting the Batterer

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 1-877-441-5588 the VINE System (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) for more information.

Protective Orders

Protective orders are requested from the court to order batterers to stay away from victims and their children, residence, place of employment, and other public places. A Judge or Commissioner may issue an **Emergency Protective Order** that is valid for 3 to 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 a 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.

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.

For more information, contact:

Solano County Office of

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www.solanocounty.com

Click on Family Violence Prevention

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