

Police Officers Are There to Help

- If you are a victim of domestic violence, and you believe that law enforcement protection is needed for your physical safety, you have the right to request that the officer assist in providing for your safety, to include asking for an emergency protection order.
- You may also ask the officer to assist you in obtaining essential personal belongings like clothes, toiletries, or medication for you and/or your child(ren) and locating and taking you to a safe place, including a designated meeting place or a shelter, the residence of a household member or a friend, or a similar place of safety.
- If you or your child(ren) are in need of medical treatment, you may ask the officer to assist you in obtaining medical treatment.
- A domestic violence program can further the efforts of the police in providing shelter, assistance and other resources. Some of those are listed under "A Domestic Violence Program Is There To Help".

The Court Is There to Help

You also have the right to file a petition in court requesting a protective order that may include any of the following provisions:

1. Prohibit your abuser from threatening to commit or committing further acts of domestic violence.
2. Prohibit your abuser from stalking, harassing, telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating with you, directly or indirectly.
3. Order your abuser to stay away from your residence, school, place of employment, or any other specified place that you or another designated household member go to in order to be safe.
4. Give you temporary custody of a minor child and arrange for visitation with a minor child if the safety of the minor child and the petitioner can be protected. Your abuser can be ordered to pay support for you or a minor child in your care.
5. Require your abuser to reimburse you for your expenses caused by domestic violence, including medical bills, or for your costs in getting a protective order.

Protective Orders

The forms you need to obtain a protective order are available from the police or nearest court. It is not necessary to have an attorney to obtain a protective order, but you may consult an attorney if you choose.

If you would like help in obtaining a protective order, you may call the victim advocacy program, law enforcement agency and/or prosecuting agency in your area.

Violent Crimes Compensation

The State of California has a Violent Crimes Compensation Board, which can provide compensation to victims who have been physically or emotionally injured in a violent crime.

Such compensation might include medical care for your injuries, crime victim related-counseling, wages lost by you due to injuries, and more. You can find out how to apply by contacting the Board at:

**Victim Compensation and Government
Claims Board
P.O. Box 3036
Sacramento, CA 95812-3036**

Domestic Violence Programs Help

Call the agency in your area that is identified on the front of this booklet. (If the agency is not identified, you may call the nearest law enforcement agency for the name and phone number of the shelter or program in your area.) An advocate from the program may provide a number of the following:

- Safe shelter
- Legal information
- Help in filling out protective order paperwork
- Books, and videos on domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse
- crisis line
- Transportation to shelter
- Access to other resources like:
 - Housing
 - Social Services
 - Education
 - Counseling
 - Alcohol and drug treatment
 - Child care
 - Employment
 - Medical treatment
- Someone to go with you to court or the hospital
- Assistance filing for Violent Crimes Compensation
- Clothing and household items

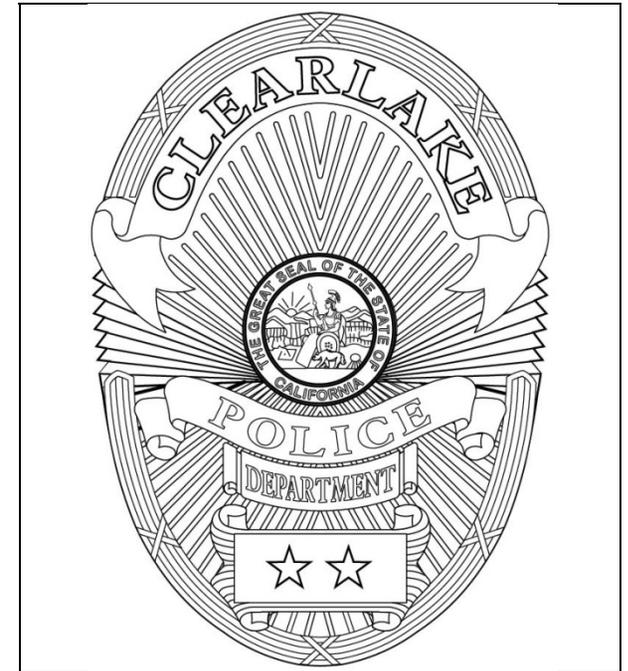
You Can Help To Protect Yourself

- Find out about shelters and safe houses BEFORE you need them.
- Have photos taken of your injuries; you can use them later.
- Keep money, important papers, clothes, car keys and other essential items in a safe place.
- Teach your children to use the telephone to contact the police in case of an emergency.
- Meet with an advocate from a shelter or other program designed to help or with a friend and make a safety plan. Practice this plan with your children.

It's Not Your Fault !

- You did NOT cause the abuse.
- No one has the right to abuse you.
- Know that most children raised with abuse learn to use violence as one way to control others by using power and force.
- Know that relationships based on fear, power and control are abusive.
- Know that others understand why you would want to stay and that leaving a relationship is not easy.

INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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