

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Fairfax County Domestic & Sexual Violence
24-hour Hotline 703-360-7273; TTY 703-435-1235

Artemis House (24-hour DV crisis shelter)	703-435-4940
Ayuda	703-444-7009
Commonwealth's Attorney (Criminal charges)	703-246-2776
Coordinated Services Planning (Basic needs & shelter intake)	703-222-0880
Inova Fairfax FACT department (DV forensic exams)	703-776-6799
JDRDC Domestic Relations Services (Protective orders)	703-246-3040
Legal Services of Northern Virginia Magistrate (Criminal charges, EPOs)	703-778-6800 703-246-2178
Northern Virginia Family Service (Multicultural counseling & referrals)	571-748-2800
Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (Advocacy, counseling, & referrals)	703-324-5730 TTY: 703-324-5706
Tahirih Justice Center (Immigrant legal services)	571-282-6161
Victim Services Section, Fairfax County Police Department	703-246-2141
The Women's Center (Advocacy, counseling & referrals)	703-281-2657
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799- SAFE(7233)
Virginia Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-838- 8238

POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fairfax County	703-691-2131
City of Fairfax	703-385-7924
Town of Herndon	703-435-6846
Town of Vienna	703-255-6366

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

DVAC PARTNERS

- ▶ A Way Forward
- ▶ Ayuda
- ▶ Court Services Unit, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
- ▶ Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- ▶ Northern Virginia Family Service
- ▶ Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- ▶ Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney
- ▶ Shelter House, Inc.
- ▶ Tahirih Justice Center
- ▶ Victim Services Section, Fairfax County Police Department
- ▶ The Women's Center

SERVICES at DVAC

- ▶ Crisis intervention & options counseling.
- ▶ Victim advocacy, including safety planning and court accompaniment.
- ▶ Information & referrals, including shelter, counseling, legal and social services.
- ▶ Education about the criminal and civil justice systems, including assistance with filing for a protective order.
- ▶ Free court and job interview attire.

All services are confidential, free, and provided regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation.

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domestic violence action center

A comprehensive, co-located service center, staffed by county agency and community non-profit partners, created to provide culturally responsive information and support services for victims of intimate partner domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

A FAIRFAX COUNTY & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Fairfax Historic Courthouse Building
4000 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 2702
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

703-246-4573; TTY 711
www.FairfaxCounty.gov/domesticviolence

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other.* Partners may be married, living together, separated, or dating. Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, education, employment, sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status.

Some examples of domestic violence include:

- ◇ Actual or threatened physical harm
- ◇ Sexual assault
- ◇ Stalking
- ◇ Intimidation
- ◇ Name-calling or put downs
- ◇ Withholding money
- ◇ Stopping a partner from getting or keeping a job
- ◇ Keeping a partner from contacting family or friends

*Note that the definition of family abuse (described in the protective orders section) in the Virginia code reads differently than the definition above.

IMPACT on FAMILIES

15.5 million

Approximate number of children who are exposed to domestic violence every year.

30%-60%

Of domestic violence offenders also abuse children in the household.

1 in 3

Virginia women have been assaulted, raped, sexually assaulted and/or stalked by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime.



Boys who witness domestic violence are **2X** as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

On average, more than **3** women and **1** man are murdered by their intimate partners in the U.S. every day.

Only **1 in 4** of all physical assaults, **1 in 5** of all rapes, and **1 in 2** of all stalkings perpetuated against females by intimate partners are reported to the police.

*Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Domestic Violence Resource Center, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, National Network to End Domestic Violence, and The Hotline.

FAMILY ABUSE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY ABUSE?

Any act involving violence, force, or threat, including any forceful detention, which results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable fear of death, sexual assault or bodily injury and which is committed by a person against such person's family or household member.

WHAT ARE FAMILY ABUSE PROTECTIVE ORDERS & HOW LONG DO THEY LAST?

You may be eligible for a protective order if you have experienced family abuse by a family or household member. In Virginia, there are three kinds of family abuse protective orders* that can protect you and others in your family or home:

1. Emergency Protective Orders: Requested by the police; can only be issued by a magistrate

or a judge and lasts up to 72 hours or until the listed expiration date. Victims can also make an emergency request for this order at the magistrate's office.

2. Preliminary Protective Orders: Issued only by a judge when danger for further abuse exists but there isn't enough time for a full hearing with both parties; generally only lasts 15 days; can be extended if the offender/respondent can't be served or was not notified of the court date.

3. Protective Orders: Can be issued for up to two years by a judge if both parties have notice to come to court. Can also be extended for an additional two years upon request; no limit on the number of extensions that can be granted.

HOW DO I GET A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Schedule an appointment with Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court at 703-246-3040 to fill out a protective order petition.

WHEN DO PROTECTIVE ORDERS TAKE EFFECT?

The offender/respondent must be served (formally notified) with the emergency, preliminary, or permanent protective order before it becomes valid. You can contact the Sheriff's Department at 703-246-3227 (press 3) and ask if it has been served.

*If your relationship does not fit under the definition of family or household member, you may still be eligible for a protective order from the General District Court by calling 703-246-3012.

NEED MORE DETAILS? VISIT WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/DOMESTICVIOLENCE

If you have any questions about protective orders, please call DVAC at 703-246-4573; TTY 711. Remember, a protective order does not guarantee your safety.

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER OR ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911