

HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED? DO YOU NEED HELP?

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POLICE PROTECTION

A. OFFICER ARREST

The Martinez Police Department is committed to protecting persons who are victims of domestic violence. Officers will arrest and take to jail those offenders who cause injuries or who commit repeated acts of domestic violence.

B. CITIZEN ARREST

In certain cases, officers cannot make an arrest themselves, but must ask you to make a citizen's arrest. If you wish to make a citizen's arrest, the officer will be able to take the offender to jail in most circumstances.

C. COURT RESTRAINING ORDERS

If you have obtained a restraining order and the offender knowingly violates the order, he/she will be arrested and, in most cases, taken to jail.

MAKE SURE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A COPY OF THE RESTRAINING ORDER AND THE OFFENDER HAS BEEN SERVED WITH A COPY.

D. LEGAL QUESTIONS/VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you have questions regarding criminal or civil issues, or if you need information about how to press charges against the offender, contact the Victim/Witness Program of the District Attorney's Office at (925) 646-2474 or (800) 648-0600.

E. COMMENTS

If you are confused, need assistance or have comments about the way in which the police department handled your case, contact the Victim/Witness Program of the

District Attorney's Office at (925) 646-2474 or (800) 648-0600.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

If you need an attorney, contact any of the following agencies:

Contra Costa County Bar Association	
Attorney Referral Panel	925-825-5700
Divorce Centers	
(Do It Yourself divorces)	925-937-6320
Family Law – Superior Court	
Law clinics conducted by	925-646-2982
An attorney for divorce advice	
STAND (formerly Battered Women's	
Alternative	888-215-5555
Attorney Reference Panel	925-825-5700
County Public Defender	925-335-8000
Law and Justice Systems	925-313-1306

OTHER ASSISTANCE

Legal Aid	877-839-4347
Probation Department	925-313-4000
Adult Protective Services	877-839-4347
Child Protective Services	925-646-1680
Juvenile Hall	925-313-4000
Martinez Police Records	925-372-3443

MARRIAGE COUNSELING

REACH Project (Antioch)	925-754-3673
(Brentwood)	925-240-2045

COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

East County	925-427-8110
Central County	925-646-5480
West County	510-374-3420
Walnut Creek	925-946-4500

COUNSELING FOR OFFENDERS

STAND (formerly Battered Women's Alternative)	
Men's Program	925-676-2968
Marin Men's Hotline	415-457-6760
Men Overcoming Violence	415-626-6683

SHELTER AND CRISES COUNSELING

If you need a place to stay or advice about your immediate problems, contact any of the following agencies. Feel free to contact shelters which are located far from your home. You may be safer if you are harder to find.

Community Violence Solutions	800-670-7273
STAND (formerly Battered Women's	
Alternative	888-215-5555
Emergency Shelter (Hayward)	888-339-7233
Tri-Valley Haven (Livermore)	800-884-8119
Marin Abused Women's Services	
	415-924-6616
Spanish	415-924-3456
WOMAN, Inc (San Francisco)	415-864-4722
Shepherd's Gate (Livermore)	888-216-4776
Eden (Alameda County)	510-537-2552
Eden (after 11 a.m.)	510-537-2710
Solano County Shelters	707-425-3422
LaCasa de las Madres (SF)	877-503-1850
Rosalie House (SF)	415-255-0165
Rafael House (SF)	415-474-4000
Marin Abused Women's	
Services	415-924-6616
Crisis Center (Suicide Prevention)	
Contra Costa County	800-833-2900
Rape Crises	925-798-7273
OR	800-670-7273
Grief Crises	800-837-1818
Youth Crises	800-718-4357

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council	925-932-8100
Alcoholics Anonymous	925-939-4155
Al-Anon (Brentwood)	925-932-6770
Alcohol Treatment Center	800-711-6375
Narcotics Anonymous	925-685-4357

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE

If you or a member of your family sustained injury as a direct result of a crime, you may be eligible to receive financial services through the State Board of Control. Contact them for further information at 800-648-0600.

RESTRAINING ORDER INFORMATION

Who can get a restraining order?

Anyone who has been threatened, harassed, abused or assaulted, whether or not you are married and whether or not you live with the person threatening or attacking you. If you are married, you do not need to get a divorce to obtain a restraining order.

How much does it cost?

Although court fees can vary, there is no court filing fee for Domestic Violence Restraining Orders. Contact the Family Law section of Superior Court at 751 Pine Street for further information.

What can the restraining order do?

1. Order the defendant to stay a specified distance from you, your family and/or your household.
2. Order the defendant to stay away from your home, work, family's home, children's school, childcare center or babysitter.
3. Order the defendant to move out of your home or apartment, even if the defendant's name is on the lease, or he/she is the co-owner.
4. Give you custody of your children and make visitation orders.
5. Give child support.
6. Order the defendant not to call you, your family and/or household.
7. Give you the use of some of your property.
8. Reimburse you for lost earnings and/or actual expenses caused directly by the violence.
9. Order the defendant to pay some of the debts.

Important information about obtaining the restraining order

1. You will need to pick up your packet of information from the Family Law section of Superior Court at 751 Pine Street in Martinez.

2. You will need to appear before a judge in the Family Law Section of Superior Court in order to have the order signed.
3. After the order is signed, you will need to have the order recorded at the same court. Make sure to bring a copy of the recorded restraining order to the police department.
4. You must have the restraining order served to the defendant. Various agencies will serve the defendant for a fee. The civil Division of the Sheriff's Department does not charge a fee to serve a domestic violence restraining order. The Martinez Police Department does not serve restraining orders. You may want to have a friend who is not a party to the action, serve the defendant for you and complete the Proof of Service form in your packet.
5. After the defendant has been served and the Proof of Service form is records at the Family Law Section of Superior Court, make sure to bring a copy of the recorded Proof of Service to the police department. The police cannot take action against the defendant if he/she violates the restraining order unless it has been served to the defendant.
6. Always keep a copy of the restraining order and the proof of service with you.

What do I do if the defendant violates the restraining order?

1. Call the police department.
2. Ask that the police take a formal report, even if the defendant left.
3. If the defendant is still there when the police arrive and he/she is aware of the restraining order by acknowledging the proof of service, the police officer may arrest the defendant, or you could request a citizen's arrest.
4. **IT IS A CRIME TO VIOLATE A RESTRAINING ORDER.** It is important to follow through on criminal charges so the defendant understands that he/she cannot violate the order.



INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Emergencies - 911**