

IS SOMEONE HURTING YOU?

It's not your fault. It's against the law.
It affects your health and your children.

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NATIONAL RESOURCES & HOTLINES

National Domestic Violence 1-800-799-SAFE(7233)
Deaf deafhelp@thehotline.org or [TTY 24/7 1-800-787-3224]
National Teen Dating Abuse 1-866-331-9474 [TTY 1-866-331-8453]
National Sexual Assault 1-800-656-HOPE(4673)
National Stalking Resource Center www.ncvc.org/src
National Human Trafficking 1-888-373-7888
National LGBT help@lgbthotline.org 1-888-843-4564
National Suicide/Crisis 1-800-273-8255

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (California hotlines by County)

Help for elders age 65+ or dependent/disabled adults
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/County-APS-Offices>

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (California hotlines by County)

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Reporting/Report-Abuse/Child-Protective-Services/Report-Child-Abuse>

FIND LOCAL SERVICES

Childcare, Housing, Jobs, Food, Health/Mental Health 211
Victim/Witness Help 1-800-777-9229
Can repay costs for medical bills, counseling for you and your children, moving, and loss of wages.

LEGAL HELP

DV Agencies – free general legal information and help with forms
County Court Clinic – free information and legal aid referral
Self-Help Centers http://www.scscourt.org/self_help/shcflfo.shtml
Immigration help <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/>

LEGAL PROTECTION

(<http://www.courts.ca.gov/1260.htm>)

Emergency Protective Restraining Order (EPRO)

Ask police for this after they arrive – good for up to 7 days – it can stop your partner from contacting you/your children, or living at home

Temporary (TRO) or Permanent (DVRO) Restraining Orders

You file papers for TRO at your county court house – if TRO is approved, a long term or permanent RO is possible after a court hearing

Victim Notification System (if the abuser is arrested)

Register to be notified of release on bail. 1-800-464-3568

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Plan now where you can go if you don't feel safe.

If any of the following are true, you are at increased risk for severe injury or death. Call a hotline or ask to speak with a medical social worker to plan on how you and your children can be safer.

- Has the physical violence been getting worse or more often over the past year?
- Has your partner or ex ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
- Has your partner or ex ever beaten you while you were pregnant?
- Do you believe your partner or ex is capable of killing you?
- Has your partner or ex ever tried to choke (strangle) you?
- Is your partner or ex violently and constantly jealous of you?

IF YOU STAY

Increase safety at home

- try to remove yourself and children before violence begins
- you can ask police to remove a gun from your home
- in an argument avoid rooms with no exits or possible weapons
- avoid wearing scarves and long necklaces at home
- put a phone in a room you can lock, and plan an escape route
- tell someone – choose a signal with neighbors to call police

Increase safety for your children

- teach them to call 911 and know their address and phone number
- make a code word for them to call 911
- plan and practice an escape route and a safe place to go
- teach them not to get in the middle of a fight

IF YOU DECIDE TO LEAVE

- Leaving is a time of high risk for injury or death
 - Before you leave, call a hotline for advice on your plan
 - You can ask police to protect you when you leave
 - DON'T TELL YOUR PARTNER BEFORE YOU GO
- www.thehotline.org www.womenslaw.org

Pack a bag and hide it, or give it to someone you trust

- clothes, jewelry, money
 - cash, change for pay phones, credit & ATM cards
 - checkbook, bank account #s, pay stub
- keys (house, car, office, safety deposit box)
- phone, phone calling card, phone/address book
- medications, glasses
- toiletries, diapers, pictures, keepsakes, toys, books

Make copies (if safe) or take important papers

- birth certificates/passports/soc. sec./immigration/work permits
- driver's license/picture ID/marriage/divorce/custody papers
- titles/deeds/car registration/car and other insurance
- lease/rental papers/rent receipts
- health insurance cards/important medical records
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- evidence of abuse: journal/photos/police or medical reports/ROs
- photos of abuser to give to school, office security, etc.

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