

Domestic Incident Notice
Chicago Police Department

Police Report R.D. # _____ Beat of Occurrence _____

The City of Chicago has a free confidential multilingual 24-hour Hot Line that can help you get assistance.
(1-877- TO END DV) 1-877-863-6338 or TTY 1-877-863-6339

If you have been abused or need assistance in regard to a domestic situation, there are programs that offer shelter, counseling and legal help. The Help Line can answer your questions concerning domestic violence services and link you to available programs.

RIGHTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS

The Illinois Domestic Violence Act (IDVA) provides legal help for victims who are abused by family or household members. The IDVA defines family or household members as any of the following people:

1. related by blood or by present or prior marriage
2. who share or formerly shared a common dwelling
3. who have or allegedly have a child in common
4. who share or allegedly share a blood relationship through a child
5. of the opposite or same sex who have or have had a dating or engagement relationship
6. with disabilities and their personal assistants and caregivers.

If you are a domestic abuse victim, you have a right:

1. to have a police report completed for any crime reported to the police;
2. to have an officer go with you to your home for a reasonable period of time to remove necessary personal belongings; and
3. to be taken to a hospital or a nearby place of safety. If you want, any children or adult dependents in your care can go with you.

FILING CRIMINAL CHARGES

If the officer makes an arrest, you will be told of the court location and date. When you report a crime but an arrest is not made, you should go to Domestic Violence Court as soon as possible to seek criminal charges. Bring a copy of the police report number and any other information (such as pictures) to the Domestic Violence Court at 555 W. Harrison, 1st floor, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. Once there, you may talk to an assistant state's attorney about your case. You can also request an order of protection.

BAIL BOND PROVISIONS

Unless the judge rules otherwise, an abuser charged with a crime against a family or household member will be ordered to NOT contact or speak with the victim and NOT enter or stay at the victim's home (even if the abuser lives there) for 72 hours after posting bond. **If the abuser violates the "72 hour rule," you should immediately call 911.**

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

An order of protection is a court order from a judge ordering the abuser to do or to stop doing certain acts. **You can request an order of protection even if you are living with your abuser.** There are many possible remedies that an order of protection can provide. Some examples of them are:

1. order your abuser to stop abusing, stalking, neglecting or exploiting you;
2. give you the right to stay in the home and prevent the abuser from staying there;
3. order your abuser to stay away from you at school, work or other places;
4. order your abuser not to come home while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and
5. order your abuser to surrender any firearm.

Orders of protection are free. There are no filing fees and you do not need a lawyer.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AND YOUR ABUSER VIOLATES THE ORDER, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CALL 911.

How to Request an Order of Protection

You can request an order of protection in either civil or criminal court. Both may be enforced by arrest. If you cannot request an order because of age, health or disability, someone else can go to court and request an order for you.

Criminal Court- at 555 West Harrison, 1st floor, Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. You must be willing to seek criminal charges against your abuser in order to receive an order in criminal court. If your abuser has already been arrested, do NOT wait until the trial date to seek an order of protection, report to Domestic Violence court as soon as possible after the crime.

Civil Court- at 555 West Harrison, 1st floor, Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. If you do not want criminal charges filed against your abuser, you can request an order of protection in civil court. Orders of protection can also be issued with a divorce or other civil proceeding, generally with the assistance of a lawyer.

Remember: If you are in IMMEDIATE DANGER, you should immediately call 911.

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