

Chicago Police Officer's Guide to Domestic Violence Incidents

Chicago Police Officers will treat domestic violence incidents in the same professional manner as all other requests for police service and will provide immediate, effective assistance and protection for victims and witnesses.

The Illinois Domestic Violence Act (IDVA) mandates that police officers must:

- Arrest the abuser where appropriate
- Inventory weapons used to commit the abuse
- Go with the victim into the residence for a reasonable period of time to retrieve personal belongings
- Offer the victim information about relief including the officer's name and star number
- Provide the victim information about relief and a referral to a service agency by providing the Domestic Incident Notice (DIN) CPD-11.443 which includes the City of Chicago Domestic Violence Hot Line number at 1-877-863-6338 or 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)
- Arrange or provide the victim and any dependents with transportation to a medical facility or place of safety
- Make a police report of any allegation or incident of abuse and list its disposition
- Inform the victim of the right to request that a criminal proceeding be initiated where appropriate
- Advise the victim of the importance of seeking medical attention and preserving evidence

IDVA protected family and household members are:

- Persons related by blood or by present or prior marriage
- Persons who share or formerly shared a common dwelling
- Persons who have or allegedly have a child in common
- Persons who share or allegedly share a blood relationship through a child
- Persons of the opposite or same sex who have or have had a dating or engagement relationship
- Persons with disabilities and their personal assistants, and care givers

Not protected under the IDVA are strangers, co-workers, neighbors or landlord/tenants

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Case Reporting Requirements:

- Proper IDVA relationship established and documented?
- Is there a valid or active Order of Protection?
- Are children present? How many? Names, ages?
- Does the victim state offender has access to weapons?
- How many past incidents? How many reported incidents by victim? (Include RD #'s, if known).
- What is the exact description of the injuries? Was an Evidence Technician requested? Were photos taken?
- Medical attention provided or advised to victim?
- Did the offender interfere or attempt to interfere with the victim contacting police?
- Transportation offered for victim and dependents to a shelter or place of safety?
- Narrative must include a justification why an arrest was or was not made.
- The Domestic Incident Notice (DIN) CPD-11.443 given and explained along with the City of Chicago Domestic Violence Hot Line number at 1-877-863-6338 or 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)?

Chicago Police Department Policy requires mandatory arrest for two offenses: Violation of Bail Bond and Violation of an Order of Protection for criminally enforceable remedies.

An Order of Protection may be obtained at the Domestic Violence Court, 555 West Harrison St., 1st floor.

**Monday through Friday:
Criminal: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Civil: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Information from the above questions will be incorporated into the narrative of a report regarding a Domestic Violence incident.