

YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO BE ABUSED.

If you are being abused:

Find a safe place. Stay with family, friends, or at a shelter.
Use this directory to help you find any services you need.
Remember, you are not alone!

If you have an emergency:

Dial 911

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are injured:

Go to a hospital emergency room or your doctor and tell them what happened to you.

POLICE

For Emergencies, Call 911

DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
280 Phoebe Lane - Suite One
Delhi, NY 13753
Telephone: (607) 832-5555

DELAWARE COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
(607) 832-5299

MEDICAL SERVICES

For Emergencies, Call 911

UHS DELAWARE VALLEY HOSPITAL
(WALTON): (607) 865-2100

O'CONNOR HOSPITAL (BASSETT)
(DELHI): (607) 746-0300

MARGARETVILLE MEMORIAL
(845) 586-2631

SHELTER PROGRAM

DELAWARE OPPORTUNITIES
SAFE AGAINST VIOLENCE
(607) 746-6278 (local)
1-866-457-7233 (toll-free)

HOTLINES

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Delaware County Hotline
SAFE AGAINST VIOLENCE
(607) 746-6278 (local)
1-866-457-7233 (toll-free)

New York State Hotlines
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 1-800-942-6906
CHILD ABUSE 1-800-342-3720
1-800-638-5163 (TDD)

National Hotlines
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 1-800-799-7233
1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

SAFE AGAINST VIOLENCE
(607) 746-6278 OR 1-866-457-7233 (toll-free)

MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC
(607) 832-5888

MOBILE CRISIS ASSESSMENT TEAM (MCAT)
1-877-369-6699 OR 1-844-732-6228

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL
(607) 746-8300

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES
(607) 832-5890

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
(607) 832-5300

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MID-NY, INC.
168 Water Street, 2nd Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901
HelpLine: 1-877-777-6152 (toll-free)

LEGAL SYSTEM

Criminal Court:

CONTACT the police.
CALL Safe Against Violence at (607) 746-6278 or 1-866-457-7233 (toll-free).
FILE a formal complaint with a police officer. If you can, get a copy of the domestic incident report from the police.
SEEK the help of a Safe Against Violence advocate.
SHOW UP in court when subpoenaed.

Family Court:

ASK for help from a Safe Against Violence advocate by calling (607) 746-6278 or 1-866-457-7233 (toll-free).
GO to: Delaware County Family Court
3 Court St.
Delhi, NY 13753
(607) 746-2298
FILE a petition in family court with the help of your advocate.
SHOW UP in court for all hearing dates. If you can't afford a lawyer, ask the court to assign you a free lawyer.

Safety Tips

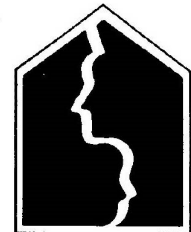
- Always carry a cell phone. Put 911 and the police on speed dial.
- Change your locks, and always keep your home and car doors locked.
- Change up your routine, and try not to go out alone (especially at night).
- Keep an emergency box with a trusted relative or friend. Include ID, copies of important documents, clothes, an extra set of keys, credit cards, money, etc.
- Give your co-workers, neighbors and friends a "code word" and a special signal (such as pulling down a certain window shade) that means "call the police."
- Get a security system and outdoor lights.
- Check out the "Stay Safe" app for your phone at:
<https://personalapp.staysafeapp.com/>
- Install smoke & CO2 detectors at home.
- Make a complete Personal Safety Plan with Safe Against Violence and update it often.



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DELAWARE COUNTY SERVICE DIRECTORY



Q: What should I do if I have been hit or threatened?

A: Call 911 if it is in operation in your community. If not, call the police.

Q: Where can I go?

A: Safety first. If you decide to leave your home, you may be able to go to a shelter.

Q: What is an order of protection?

A: It is an order signed by a judge that prohibits someone from threatening, abusing, or acting violently towards you. It may also require that person to stay away from you, your children, your home, your workplace and your pets.

Q: Do I have to be hit to request an order of protection?

A: No. If someone is threatening you or your children by words or actions, you may be able to get an order of protection.

Q: What court do I go to?

A: There are 3 courts where you can file for an order of protection.

First, if you are married to the abuser, have a child together, or have a blood or intimate partner relationship, you should go to family court.

Second, if you are in the process of a divorce, you should go to supreme court.

Third, the District Attorney may decide to bring a criminal case against the person who hurt, stalked or threatened you. If so, you can get an order of protection in criminal court. You do not need a blood or marriage relationship, an intimate partner relationship, or a child in common

to get an order of protection in criminal court.

Q: Who can get orders of protection?

A: Both men and women have equal rights to get orders of protection.

Q: Can I file an order of protection for someone else?

A: You may file an order of protection for your children if they are under the age of 18.

Q: How do I get a family court order of protection?

A: Domestic violence advocates at Safe Against Violence can assist you. Bring your ID. Make sure to write down the actions that were taken against you, why you need to be protected, and what you would like the judge to do to protect you. You may also include your children to be protected. There is no age requirement for an order of protection.

Q: How do I get a supreme court order of protection?

A: If you are already in the process of a divorce, you can ask for an order of protection as part of your divorce.

Q: How do I get a criminal court order of protection?

A: Call the police and file a criminal complaint with them. Tell the police you want to seek an order of protection, and they will contact the District Attorney's Office.

Q: If I am in danger, can I get an order of protection right away?

A: A family court judge can give you a temporary order of protection right away. To get one, you may need to go in front of the judge when you go to file your paperwork. If family court is not in session, you can get a temporary order of

protection from your local criminal court or town justice.

Q: What does an order of protection do?

A: An order of protection can order a person not to assault you, appear at your home, place of work, children's daycare center, etc. It may order someone not to approach you, speak to you in person, by telephone, letter, text or email. It may also order someone not to threaten you. The order may also protect your children from the same types of abuse you are protected from. The order may also state that you have temporary custody of your children. If you want permanent custody, you must file custody paperwork.

Q: What can an order of protection not do?

A: If custody of your children is at issue, an order of protection only gives you custody for as long as the order is valid. You need to file separate custody paperwork. The order does not give you ownership of your home or any property that you co-own.

Q: How long does an order of protection last?

A: Every order of protection has an expiration date. In family court, an order typically lasts 1 to 2 years, but can last up to 5 years. In criminal court, an order typically lasts 1 year, but can last up to 5 years. "Temporary" orders are in effect until the specified date, but can be extended by the Court. If, at any time, you no longer want the order, you must go back to court.

Q: What should I do with an order of protection?

A: Make copies. Make sure you have a copy at home, work, in your car, etc. If the order covers your children, make sure their school and daycare program have a

copy. Attach a picture of the person that is ordered to stay away from you, if you have one.

Q: Do I have to wait until I am physically hurt to file a violation of an order of protection?

A: No! If the abuser does anything that is forbidden in the order, it is considered a violation, no matter what county or state it occurs in.

Q: What should I do if someone is violating my order of protection?

A: Call the police. Then you must decide whether you want to file a violation with family court or go to criminal court to file a complaint, or both. If you still do not feel safe, you can request an advocate to help you prepare a Personal Safety Plan.

Q: What happens when someone is found in violation of an order of protection?

A: Violating a family court order of protection can result in a fine or up to 6 months in jail.

Violating a criminal court order of protection can result in jail for up to 1 year. If this is not the first violation of a criminal court order of protection, or if you suffered physical injury or significant property damage, the person may receive a more severe sentence and could possibly even go to state prison.

You can find out when someone is going to be released from jail by calling Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE-NY) at 1-888-846-3469. Visit www.Vinelink.com to sign up for alerts by phone, text, email and TTY.