

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.

SHELTER PROGRAM

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

RISE-NY

Hotline: (607) 754-4340 OR
1-877-754-4340 (toll free)
Website: www.rise-ny.org

POLICE

For Emergencies, Call 911

STATE POLICE (607) 775-1241

BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF (607) 778-1911

LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS:

City of Binghamton (607) 723-5321

Town of Vestal (607) 754-2111

Johnson City (607) 729-9321

Village of Endicott (607) 785-3341

MEDICAL SERVICES

For Emergencies, Call 911

UHS BINGHAMTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
(607) 762-2200

LOURDES HOSPITAL (BINGHAMTON)
(607) 798-5231

UHS WILSON MEMORIAL (JOHNSON CITY)
(607) 763-6000

HOTLINES

Local Hotlines

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

RISE-NY
(607) 754-4340 OR
1-877-754-4340 (toll free)

CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER (CVAC)
(607) 722-4256 (voice—24/7)
(607) 725-8196 (text—weekdays 8am-5 pm;
Monday until 6pm and
Wednesday until 7pm)

CPEP HOTLINE (MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS)
(607) 762-2302 OR
1-800-451-0560 (toll-free)

211 COMMUNITY RESOURCE HELPLINE— Dial 211

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)

ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

*Safety for you and your children is your right.
If you are confused and need to find help, call:*

RISE-NY

Hotline (24/7): (607) 754-4340 OR
1-877-754-4340 (toll free)
Office: (607) 748-5174
Website: www.rise-ny.org

CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER (CVAC)

Hotline (24/7): (607) 722-4256
Text: (607) 725-8196
Office: (607) 723-3200
Website: www.cvac.us

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MID-NEW YORK, INC.
168 Water Street, 2nd Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901
HELPLINE: 1-877-777-6152 (toll-free)
WEBSITE: www.lasmny.org

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
(607) 778-2403

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
(607) 778-2423

COUNSELING & SUPPORT

RISE-NY (607) 748-5174

CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE
CENTER (CVAC) (607) 723-3200

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (607) 723-9111

FAMILY AND CHILDREN
SOCIETY (607) 729-6206

UHS MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC (607) 762-2340

COMMUNITY TREATMENT &
RECOVERY (607) 797-0680

ADDICTION CENTER OF
BROOME COUNTY (607) 722-7308

BROOME COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON (607) 778-3016

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (607) 778-2647

LEGAL SYSTEM

Criminal Court:

CONTACT the police.

CALL either Rise-NY or CVAC immediately after contacting the police.

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 either a Rise-NY advocate or a CVAC advocate if you go to court.

SHOW UP in court when you are subpoenaed.

Family Court:

GO to Broome County Family Court.

ASK for help from either a Rise-NY advocate or a CVAC advocate at the courthouse.

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 an attorney, ask the court to assign you a lawyer.



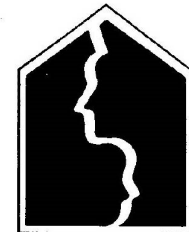
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BROOME COUNTY SERVICE DIRECTORY



Q: What should I do if I am hit or threatened?

A: In an emergency, call 911.

Q: How can I stay safe?

A: Safety first! If you decide to leave the abuser, call Rise-NY at (607) 754-4340 or 1-877-754-4340 (toll free) for help making a plan to do so safely. You and your children may be able to go to a DV shelter. If you have pets, the shelter can help you find a safe place for your pets to stay. Whether you decide to stay or leave, you need a “safety plan.” It could save your life! Call Rise-NY for help. Update your safety plan every time your situation changes.

Q: What is an order of protection?

A: It is a court order signed by a judge. The order prohibits the abuser from threatening, abusing, or acting violently towards you. It may also require the abuser to stay away from you, your children, your home, your pets and your job.

Q: What court do I go to?

A: There are 3 different courts where you can get an order of protection:

- criminal court
- family court
- supreme court (in a divorce case)

Filing for an order of protection is free.

Q: Do I have to be physically hurt?

A: No. If someone is threatening you or your children by words or actions, you can ask for an order of protection.

Q: Who can get orders of protection?

A: Both men and women have equal rights to get orders of protection. You may also ask for an order of protection for your children, if they are under the age of 18. In family court, you can file

on behalf of a relative by blood or marriage, if you believe they are in danger.

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

A: Call the police to make a criminal complaint. Tell the police officer that you want an order of protection, and also put this in your written statement. If the abuser faces criminal charges, you can also call the District Attorney’s office or the court to ask for an order of protection.

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

A: You can go to family court if:

- you are married to the abuser OR
- you have a child together OR
- you have a blood relationship with the abuser OR
- you have an intimate relationship with the abuser (this includes same-sex relationships)

The first step is to fill out a petition and file it with the family court clerk. For help, call Rise-NY at (607) 754-4340 or 1-877-754-4340 (toll free), or CVAC at (607) 722-4256. You can also ask for help from the DV advocate at the courthouse. Bring your ID. In your petition, write down what the abuser did. Be specific! If possible, include dates and times when the abuse happened. Write down what you want the judge to do to protect you and your children.

Q: What if I’m already in court for a divorce?

A: You can ask for an order of protection in supreme court, as part of your divorce case. Talk to your divorce lawyer.

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

A: A 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 file your petition. 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 the abuser not to assault you or come near your home, job, children’s school or daycare, pets, etc. It may order the abuser not to speak to you in person, by phone, mail, text, or e-mail. It may also order the abuser not to threaten you. If you live with your abuser, it can order him or her to leave the home. A family court or supreme court order may also give you temporary custody of your children. If you want permanent custody, you must file a custody petition with the court. NOTE: The order does not give you ownership of your home, or any property you co-own with the abuser.

Q: How long does an order of protection last?

A: A criminal court order typically lasts 1 year, but can last up to 5 years (or even longer, in extreme cases). If you have a “temporary” order, it will expire on a certain date, unless you ask the court to extend it. A family court order typically lasts 1 to 2 years, but can last up to 5 years. You can ask the court to extend the order for a longer time, if you have good cause. If you don’t want the order anymore, you must go back to court.

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

A: Make copies. Keep a copy at home, at work, in your car, and with a trusted relative or friend. If the order covers your children, make sure their school and daycare have a copy. Include a picture of the abuser with each copy, if you can.

Q: Do I have to wait until I’m physically hurt to file for a violation?

A: No! If the abuser does anything forbidden in the order, it’s a violation. Call the police. Then, you must decide whether to file a violation petition with family court, or go to criminal court to file a complaint, or both.

Q: What happens when the abuser is found in violation?

A: If the abuser violates a family court order, he or she could go to jail for up to 6 months or be fined. If the abuser violates a criminal court order, he or she could go to jail for up to 1 year. If this isn’t the first time the abuser has violated a criminal court order (or if you were physically hurt, or your property was damaged) the abuser could even go to state prison. You can find out when the abuser is getting out of jail by calling VINE-NY at 1-888-846-3469. Visit www.Vinelink.com to sign up for alerts by phone, text, email and TTY.

Safety Tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always carry a cell phone. Put 911 and the police on speed dial. If you don’t have a cell phone, your local DV or rape crisis program can provide you with a free 911 phone. • 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 “safety plan” with your local DV program, and update it often.