

## Important Phone Numbers

### Shelters/Housing Services

- House of Ruth .....(202) 667-7001  
Ext. 515 (women with children) Ext. 240 (single)
- Shelter Hotline ..... (800) 535-7252
- Calvary Women's Services ..... (202) 678-2341
- Sasha Bruce (youth only) ..... (202) 675-9340
- DASH ..... (202) 462-3274
- My Sister's Place ..... (202) 529-5261

### General Support Centers and Counseling

- Wendt Center..... (202) 624-0010
- The Women's Center ..... (202) 293-4580
- S.O.M.E ..... (202) 797-8806
- Bread for the City ..... (202) 265-2400

### Legal Services

- Legal Aid Society ..... (202) 628-1161
- AYUDA (for immigrants) ..... (202) 387-4848
- Family Court Self Help Center ..... (202) 879-1471
- DC Volunteer Lawyers' Project (DCVLP) ..... (202) 885-5542
- Safe Sister's Circle ..... (202) 596-5209

### Other Services

- DC Crime Victims Compensation ..... (202) 879-4216
- DC Court Clerks Office ..... (202) 879-0157
- Child Support ..... (202) 879-7868
- VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) ..... (877) 329-7894
- PG County Sheriff's Office (Domestic Violence Division) ..... (301) 883-7005
- Family Crisis Center of PG County ..... (301) 779-2100

### Someone to Talk to

- Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Violence (JCADA) Helpline ..... (877) 885-2232
- National Domestic Violence Hotline ..... (800) 799-7233
- Gay & Lesbian National Hotline ..... (888) 843-4564
- National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline ..... (866) 331-9474
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline ..... (800) 273-8255
- ACCESS Helpline (Dept. of Behavioral Health/Mental Health Services  
for adults and youth): ..... (888) 793-4357

## Notes

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# Safety and Self-Determination for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Advocate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advocate Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(800) 407-5048 ■ 24 Hours a Day  
Free and Confidential Services**

## Domestic Violence Intake Centers (DVIC)

### DVIC Northwest

#### DC Superior Court

500 Indiana Ave NW

Room 4550

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 879-0720

### DVIC Southeast

#### Anacostia Professional Building

2041 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE

Washington, DC 20020

(202) 879-7851





## Who We Are

Our Advocates are highly trained professionals that can help you navigate multiple systems and resources. Our goal is to support your safety and self-determination.

### DC SAFE Advocates Can Help By:

- Discussing **safety concerns** you have
- Providing **emotional support** throughout the legal process
- Providing information about **protection orders**
- Making **referrals** to other legal, social and/or support services and counseling groups



### SAFE Space

SAFE Space offers up to 20 days of immediate crisis shelter for clients who are in immediate danger. SAFE Space is a confidential location providing clients with independent living and access to advocates who can assist in creating a plan for safety, and next steps for housing and benefits.



### POWER Program

Do you receive TANF benefits? You may be eligible for the POWER Program. POWER can help preserve and protect your TANF benefits if you are unable to meet requirements due to domestic violence. DC SAFE Advocates can help you sign up for the program and talk with you about the pros and cons.



### Crime Victims Compensation

Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) provides financial assistance and reimbursement to victims of violent crime and their families with crime-related expenses such as medical and mental health expenses, lost wages, loss of support, crime scene clean up, temporary emergency shelter and relocation. DC SAFE Advocates can help you access CVC benefits. The CVC Application can be found at: <https://www.dccourts.gov/services/crime-victims-compensation-matters>

## Protection Orders

A **protection order** is an order from the court. A **Temporary Protection Order (TPO)** lasts 14 days, but can be extended up to 28 days. A **Civil Protection Order (CPO)** can last up to 24 months. A TPO can be granted on the day that you come through the intake center if the judge feels you are in immediate danger. You can access online links to file for a protection order; motion to reinstate; request for continuance; or motion to modify, extend, or vacate on our website at: <https://www.dcsafe.org/programs-1>.

### A Protection Order Can Require the Abuser to:

- Stop abusing you and your children
- Leave and stay away from your home, your workplace, and your family
- Have no contact with you
- Stay away from the children, their babysitter, day care, or school

### How Can a Protection Order Help?

While a protection order cannot guarantee your safety, it can help create boundaries and set expectations.

- If you are being harassed at work, a protection order can protect you at your job
- If your partner is convicted of violating a protection order, they can be punished by a fine, imprisonment up to 180 days, or both
- If you have left your home, a Protection Order can make it easier for you to get the police to go with you to get your personal belongings

### Enforcing Your Protection Order

If your abuser violates the protection order, you can:

- Call the police and report the violation
- Return to the intake center and file a motion enforcing the child support/visitation
- File a motion to enforce the stay-away order

## Know Your Rights: You Have the Right to . . .

- Be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy
- Be reasonably protected from the accused offender
- Be notified of court proceedings
- Be present at all court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that your testimony might be affected
- Speak to a prosecuting attorney about what you would like to happen in the offender's criminal case
- Be repaid by the person convicted of the criminal conduct that caused your loss or injury
- Obtain information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, detention, and release of the offender