

**This packet MUST
be given to all
victims of
Domestic Violence**

PERSONS AND PHONE NUMBERS YOU MAY CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE

Clark County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency
812-246-6996

Clark County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
Adrien Elsler
812-283-4471 ext 3123
aelsler@clarkcosheriff.com

Clark County Prosecutor's Office
Jeremy Mull, Chief Prosecutor
812-285-6264 Office
812-285-6265 Fax

You may also go to the prosecutor's web page for useful information
www.clarkprosecutor.org

For Help and Counselling Information

The Center for Women and Families
812-944-6743

Indiana Collation Against Domestic Violence
800-538-3393

www.violenceresource.org

Victim Notification Services

1-866-959-VINE
www.vinelink.com

Indiana Savin
1-866-891-0330
<http://indianasavin.in.gov>

Notice of Victim Rights

Effective July 1, 2002, IC 35-33-1-1.5 requires a law enforcement officer responding to the scene of a crime involving domestic or family violence to give the victim immediate and written notice of the following rights provided under IC 35-40

1. A victim has the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect throughout the criminal justice system.
2. A victim has the right to be informed, upon request, when a person who is accused of committing or convicted of committing a crime perpetrated directly against the victim, is released from custody or has escaped, this includes release or escape from mental health facilities.
3. A victim has the right to have the victim's safety considered in determining release from custody of a person accused of committing crime against the victim.
4. A victim has the right, upon request, about the disposition of the criminal case involving the victim or conviction, sentence and release of a person accused of committing a crime against the victim.
5. A victim to be heard at any proceeding involving sentence or a post-conviction release decision. A victim's right to be heard may be exercised, at the victim's discretion, through an oral or written statement, or submission of a statement through audiotape or videotape.
6. A victim has the right to make a written or oral statement for use in preparation of the presentence report. The victim also has the right to read presentence reports to the crime committed against the victim in order that the victim can respond to the presentence report.
7. A victim has the right to confer with a representative of the prosecuting attorney's office after a crime allegedly committed against the victim has been charged before the trial of a crime allegedly committed against the victim: and before any disposition of a crime committed against the victim. The right applies in the following situation:
 - a. The alleged felony was directly committed against the victim.
 - b. The alleged felony or misdemeanor was an offense against the person, which includes the crimes of Battery, Domestic Battery, Aggravated Battery, Battery by Bodily Waste, Criminal Recklessness, intimidation, Harassment, Invasion of Privacy, or Pointing a Firearm, and the alleged felony or misdemeanor was committed against the victim by a person who:
 - i. Is or was a spouse of the victim;
 - ii. Is or was living as if a spouse of the victim;
 - iii. Or has as child in common with the victim.
 - c. For other misdemeanors, a victim must file a request for notice, which included a current telephone number and address.
8. A victim has the right to pursue an order of restitution and other civil remedies against convicted of a crime against the victim.
9. A victim has the right to be informed of the victim's constitutional and statutory rights.

Center for Women and Families

The Indiana Offices provide services to Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Orange, Scott and Washington Counties. The following are available for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families.

- **24 Hour Crisis Line (812-944-6743)** provides crisis information, intervention, referrals for service, safe shelter, hospital advocacy, legal justice advocacy and support. Victims may call collect.
- **Walk-In Counseling** is available at all locations of The Center for Women and Families as well as safe places in all counties served.
- **Casework Service** empower persons to establish goals and implement plans for change.
- **Support Groups** offer the opportunity to meet with other survivors and share experience, strength, hope and healing.
- **Children's Groups** offer children a safe place (with a trained facilitator) to play, learn, grow, and share with other young persons who have also been in homes with domestic violence.
- **Court Advocacy** provides information regarding the legal justice system as well as support during domestic violence legal proceedings.
- **Hospital Advocacy** provides trained crisis intervention, information and support to victims desiring service on the hospital emergency room.
- **Shelter** is available for safety from domestic violence.

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Additional Services

- **Community Education Program** and presentations are available on issues related to domestic violence and sexual assaults.
- **Professional Training** can be designed to fit the specific needs of the requesting agency. Honorariums are appreciated for presentations. Fees for professional trainings are not negotiable.

The Center for Women and Families also offers services through The Creative Employment Program. Volunteer Opportunities are also available. Training sessions are held as needed. Call 82-944-6743 for more information.

WHAT CAN I DO?

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of domestic violence,
there are options and services available to help
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you need help, you may contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office

IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Or you may call 812-246-6996 for non-emergency situations

You may request a police report for any domestic violence occurrence. You may obtain a copy of the report your file at the Clark County Sheriff's Office Records Division located at 501 East Court Avenue in Jeffersonville, Indiana. You may ask questions of any police officer responding to assist you. Officers are trained to assist victims and offer help along with important information.

You may apply for a protective order in the case of Domestic Violence, Family Violence, Stalking or any sex crime. There are no fees associated with these types of cases. You should not be asked to pay any fees for filling, process, witness, or subpoenas. You will need to have the correct name and correct, current address of the person you are filing the order against. You may obtain an application for Protective Orders at the Clerk of Courts located at 501 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Outside services are also available from The Center for Women and Families 24 Hour Crisis Line at 812-944-6743 and The Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 1-800-538-3393. You may call anytime day or night. All services offered are confidential.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Clark County Sheriff's Office does not discriminate based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, color, age, or disability; in accordance, with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Any individual who believes they have been the subject of discriminatory practices and wishes to file a formal complaint may contact the following:

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute:

https://www.in.gov/cji/grantee-training-and-resources/files/Civil_Rights_Complaint_Form.pdf

or

The Office of Civil Rights:

<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

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