



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING THE QUARANTINE

Step 1: Get Out of Immediate Danger

If you are in an immediate life-threatening situation: CALL 9-1-1

1. When the police arrive, have them call us at 1-800-927-4673

Step 2: Contact Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence (MSCFV)

Our Hotline Advocates are available 24/7/365 at **1-800-927-4673**. If it is not safe to call, you can message us through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We have Emergency Shelter available and we will partner you with an MSCFV Case Manager who will connect you with other resources

Step 3: Get a Protective Order – We will help you

To get a protective order you need to complete a Petition for Protective Order (CC-DC-DV-001). After you call our hotline you will be partnered with a case manager who will offer assistance toward your plan to seek a protective order.

During this time of quarantine, you need to go to the **District Court Commissioner's Office in the County where the abuse took place** to receive the Petition for Protective Order.

When you get the Petition paperwork, you will not be allowed to stay in the courthouse to complete the forms.

- Find a safe location (your vehicle, a bench, a Church, ...)
- If you have not contacted our hotline, call us now at 1-800-927-4673
- If you have already contacted our hotline, call your MSCFV Case Manager. They can help you fill out the paperwork over the phone. If you don't know their number, call us at 1-410-690-3222 and the advocate answering the phone will get a message to the appropriate Case Manager.

STEP 4: Contact MSCFV again

You are not alone. Once you complete and submit the Petition for Protective Order, call your MSCFV Case Manager. They will help you make and work through a plan to leave the violence and create a life in which you can take care of yourself and your family, violence-free. We are here to help you through your entire journey.

Please don't be discouraged if you don't get what you want or need right away. The closures are confusing for everyone. We can help walk them through the process. We are here for you, even if it is only through the phone.

For more information, please visit www.msfcv.org, call 410-690-3222, or visit our Facebook Page.

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HOTLINE: 1-800-927-HOPE (4673)