VICTIM RESOURCE GUIDE

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS





Vallejo Police **Department**

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Vallejo, CA 94590

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC **VIOLENCE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE** DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- 1. Victims may ask the District Attorney to file a criminal complaint.
- 2. Victims have the right to go to the Superior Court and file a petition requesting any of the following orders for relief:
 - An order restraining the attacker from abusing
 - b. An order preventing the attacker from entering a residence, school, business or place of employment.
 - c. An order awarding the victim or the other parent custody of, or visitation with, a minor child or children.
 - d. An order restraining the attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in the custody of the victim.
 - e. An order directing the party not granted custody to pay support of minor children, if that party has a legal obligation to do so.
 - f. An order directing the defendant to make specified debit payments due while the order is
 - g. An order directing that either or both parties participate in counseling.
- 3. A victim of domestic violence has the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings and other expenses incurred by the victim or any agency that may shelter the victim.



Vallejo District Attorney: 707-553-5321

Fairfield District Attorney: 707-784-6800

STATE COMPENSATION FOR **VIOLENT CRIME VICTIMS AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

If you are injured as the result of a crime and have suffered serious financial hardship as the result of those injuries, or are a person who depended for support on a victim who was killed or injured, you may be eligible to receive financial help from the State of California. To receive that help, you must first file a claim. Property loss is not covered by the State program. For assistance in completing the claim filing process or other victim assistance, contact:

Victim Witness Assistance Program

Vallejo

321 Tuolumne Street 707-553-5401

Fairfield

600 Union Street 707-784-6844

YOUR LEGAL PROTECTIONS

- Police Arrest Officers will arrest and take to jail offenders who cause serious injuries or who commit repeat offenses.
- Citizen's Arrest In certain cases, officers cannot make an arrest themselves but must ask you to make a citizen's arrest. If you wish to make a citizen's arrest, the officer will be able to take the offender into custody.
- Emergency Protective Order (EPO) An EPO is issued at the time of the incident and is in effect for 5 business days. The victim can request a 30-day extension of the EPO by contacting the District Attorney's offices in:
- Restraining Orders A Restraining Order is obtained through the Court Clerk's office or District Attorney's offices and is effective for a period set by the court as appropriate to assure the safety of the victim.
 - If the offender knowingly violates an EPO or Restraining Order, he will be arrested and in most cases, taken to jail.
- Restraining Order Questions and Victim Assistance - SafeQuest Solano Court Support Program 707-422-7345
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Legal Services of Norther California	707-643-0054
Family Law Facilitator800-842-8467	707-561-7840

Shelters and Counseling Services	5
SafeQuest Solano Shelters Crisis Line	866-487-7233
STAND! Against Domestic Violence	888-215-555
Solano Co. Health & Social Serv	707-553-5331
Bay Area Helplink	2-1-1
New Pathways	707-556-9137
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
The Courage Center	707-646-9605
Solano Family Justice Center	707-784-7635
Kaiser Psychiatry	707-645-2700
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Vallejo Detox/Drug Council	707-643-2715
Kaiser Chemical Dependency Recov F	Program707-651-1050
Solano Co. Substance Abuse	707-553-5328
VINE (For Offender Custody Status)	877-411-5588
Attorney General's Victim Serv. Unit	1-877-433-9069

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