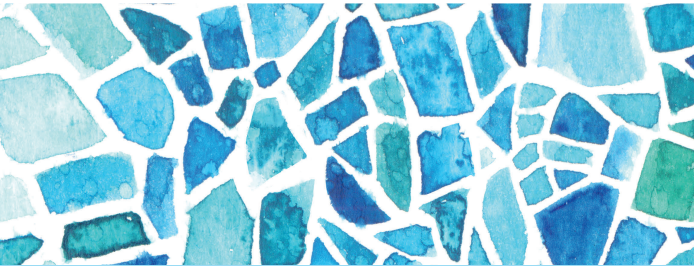


Police Response

When an officer responds to a call and has good reason to believe a domestic violence crime has been committed, the officer **MUST** begin the criminal charging process against the suspect.

The officer **MUST** arrest and take the suspect into custody if the officer has good reason to believe:

- * The suspect may continue to harm the victim.
- * The suspect used a weapon.
- * The suspect violated a protective order.



Utah Office for Victims of Crime

350 East 500 South
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
(800)-624-7444 or (801)238-2360
<https://Justice.utah.gov>

This program may help victims of violent crime and provide benefits to victims who has suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of the crime.

These benefits can help pay medical care, dental care mental health, counseling, funeral and burial expenses and loss of earnings.

Criminal Justice System

Investigation/charges: Officers investigate rereports of criminal activity. Their reports are then forwarded to the City Attorney's office.

Summons/Bail: When a defendant is charged with committing a crime, he can be ordered to appear in court. If he was physically arrested, he will be taken to the jail where he will be given a bail. If the bail is posted , he will be released and given a court date and a no contact jail release agreement.

First appearance/Arraignment: The defendant will be required to appear before a judge. A public defender may be appointed. The jail no contact release agreement will expire and the court will assess safety and order a criminal protective order if needed. At the first hearing the defendant will enter a plea.

- * If defendant enters a **not guilty plea**--he will be given another court date for a pre-trial hearing.
- *if the defendant enters a **guilty plea**--he could be sentenced right then or at a later date.

Utah VINE Service

Access to information and notification for:
Offender Custody Status

1-877-UT-4-VINE

1-877-884-8463

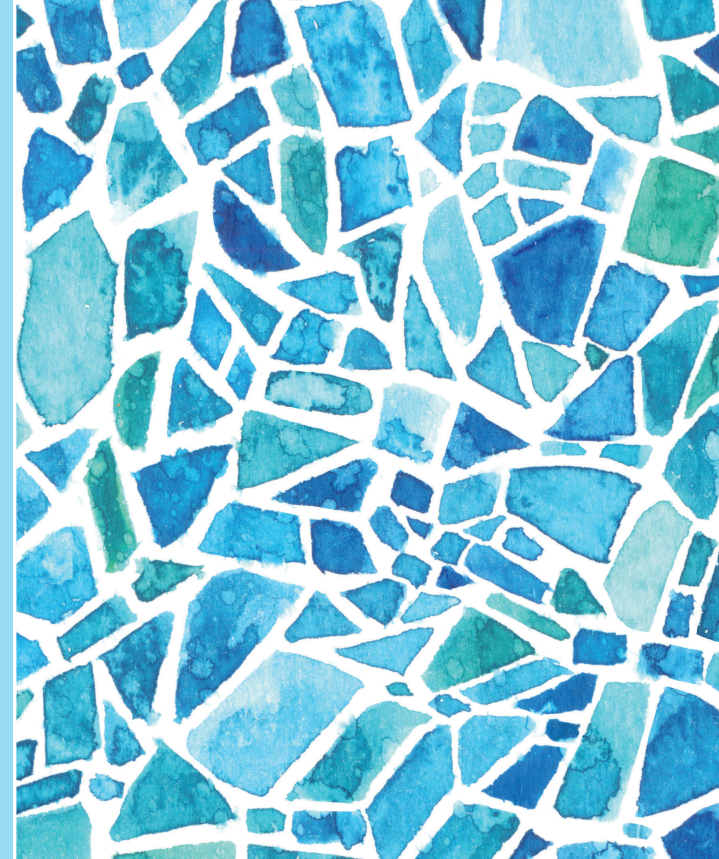
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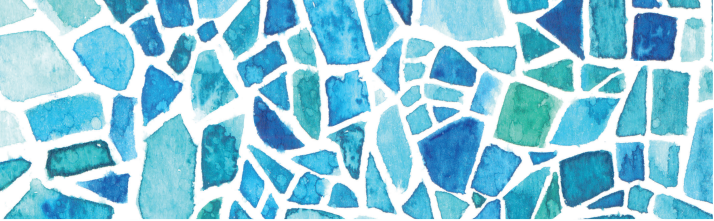
Orem Victim Assistance Office
95 East Center St.
Orem, Utah 84057

(801) 229-7126 or (801) 229-7128



OREM VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Domestic Violence
Information and
Resource Guide



Victim Rights

*Victims have the right to be "treated with dignity, respect, courtesy and sensitivity" through the entire criminal process.

*Victims have the right to be free from threats and intimidation.

*Victims have the right to be informed about resources for them to protect them from harm.

*Victims have the right to be informed and assisted through the criminal justice system. They have the right to an explanation of legal hearings and proceedings.

*Victims have the right to be present for all hearings. Victims are entitled to give a Victim Impact Statement at the sentencing hearing.

Community Resources

Women & Children in Crisis Shelter
(801) 377-5500

Protective order forms

Fourth District Court
137 North Freedom Blvd
Provo, Utah 84604

Online: www.utcourts.gov

Utah Legal Services

800-662-4245

Utah VINE Service

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Offender Custody status

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www.vinelink.com

Protective Orders

A protective order is an order issued by the court designed to give victims of domestic violence protection by preventing the abuser from having contact with, threatening, or entering onto the property of a victim.

An EX Parte protective order, or temporary protective order, can be issued in some instances, the day the victim requests it. It is effective once the abuser is served and remains in effect until the mandatory court hearing is held.

After the court hearing, the court can issue a **civil protective order**. This order can require the abuser to immediately leave and not return to the residence, can stop all contact with the victim and protect identified addresses.

There is no fee to file the petition, or to have the court issue the protective order. To file online go to www.utcourts.gov. If you need help with the online process contact a victim advocate.

If your case is being heard in a justice court, the judge can also issue what is called a **criminal protective order**. This order is a temporary order that is valid for only the length of the criminal case. Contact a victim advocate to have help in filling out a criminal protective order.

Orem Justice Court
97 East Center St.
Orem, Utah 84057
801-724-3900

Intimate Partner/Domestic Violence Risk Assessment

A **"Yes"** response to any of these first three questions qualifies for a high danger risk situation.

1. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
2. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?
3. Do you think he/she may threaten to kill you?

Other high risk behaviors to watch for:

- * Does he/she have access to a gun?
- * Has he/she ever tried to choke you?
- * Is he/she frequently jealous or tries to control your daily activities?
- * Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married?
- * Has he/she tried to kill himself/herself?
- * Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers?
- * Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?
- * Is he/she unemployed?

If you feel that you are at a high danger risk and don't feel safe contact the Orem Victim Assistance Office.

