

Victim Rights

- To be “treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, and sensitivity” throughout the criminal process.
- To be free from threats and intimidation.
- To be informed about resources.
- To be informed and assisted through the criminal justice system.
- To be present for all hearings.
- To give a *Victim Impact Statement* at the sentencing hearing.

Police Response

Officers ***MUST*** file criminal charges if probable cause exists for domestic violence. An arrest is mandatory if the officer believes:

- the suspect may cause further harm
- The suspect used a weapon
- The suspect violated a protective order.

Criminal Justice System

Summons/Bail: Defendants are either summoned to court or arrested. Those in jail are released once bail is posted, provided they sign a *No Contact Jail Release Agreement* and accept a court date.

No Contact/Jail Release: Begins immediately and lasts until the first court hearing. Officers may escort the suspect to the residence once to collect essential belongings. The victim will be notified and officers will stay on-site to ***keep the peace.***

Arraignment: At the first hearing, the defendant enters a plea and may be assigned a public defender. The judge will then decide whether to replace the jail release agreement with a formal ***Criminal Protective Order.***

Questions? Contact:

For All Emergencies, Dial 911

Orem Victim Advocates

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24 HOUR HOTLINES

National Suicide Hotline ... 988

Crisis Line (Sp)800-621-5322

National DV Hotline.....800-799-7233

UT Domestic Violence800-897-5456

Crisis Txt LineTxt START to 741-741



Orem Victim Assistance Program

Domestic Violence Resource Guide

Domestic Violence Resources

The Refuge

1433 E 840 N
Orem, UT 84097
(801) 356-2511
www.therefugeutah.org

Utah Office for Victims of Crime

350 E 500 S #200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
801-238-2360
www.crimevictim.utah.gov

Utah VINE Services

Access to information & notification
of offender custody status
www.vinelink.com

Utah Legal Services

455 N University Ave. #100
Provo, Utah 84601
801-374-6766
www.utahlegalservices.org

The Refuge Utah's Women's Shelter
801-377-5500

Intimate Partner/Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment

A **YES** response to any of these four questions qualifies for a high danger risk situation:

1. Has the aggressor ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?
2. Has the aggressor threatened to kill you or your children?
3. Do you believe the aggressor will try to kill you?
4. Has the aggressor ever tried to choke you?

Other high risk behavior to be aware of:

- Does the aggressor have access to a gun?
- Is the aggressor frequently jealous or tries to control your daily activities?
- Have you left or separated from the aggressor after you were living together or married?
- Has the aggressor ever attempted suicide?
- Is the aggressor unemployed?
- Do you have a child that the aggressor knows is not theirs?
- Does the aggressor follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?

Protective Orders

A Protective Order is an order issued by the court designed to give victims of domestic violence protection. **A**

protective order may:

- prevent the abuser from contacting or communicating with victim
- stop the abuser from threatening violence
- make the abuser stay away from the victim's home, work, school, or place of worship
- not allow the abuser to have guns or weapons

If your case is being prosecuted in justice/district court, the judge can issue a **Criminal Protective Order**. A criminal protective order is valid the length of the criminal case.

If your case is not being prosecuted in justice/district court, you can petition to have a **Civil Protective Order**. There is no fee to request a civil protective order. To file online go to **utcourts.gov**

Contact a Victim Advocate for additional information and assistance