

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

In Case of Emergency Call 911

Catholic Community Services - 322-7073
Child Protective Services - 785-8600
CPS Domestic Violence Advocate - 785-8630
Committee to Aid Abused Women - 329-4150
Crisis Call Center - 784-8090
Emergency Protection Order - 352-5000
Nevada 211- 211
Nevada Urban Indians, Inc - 1-888-885-8447
Project ReStart - 324-5166
Reno Police Department - 334-2121
Reno Police Victim Services Unit - 333-7789
Reno City Attorney Advocate - 334-2050
Safe Embrace - 322-3466
Sparks Police Department - 353-2221
Sparks City Attorney Advocate - 353-1628
Sparks City Attorney Office - 353-2320
Tahoe Women's Services - 833-3241
The Children's Cabinet - 856-6200
TPO Office - 328-3468
UNR Victims of Crime Treatment Center - 784-6828
Victims of Crime Compensation - 688-2900
Victim Witness Assistance Center - 328-3210
VINE –Notification - 1-877-332-8463
Washoe County Sheriffs Office - 785-4629
Washoe County Victim Advocate - 328-3320
Washoe County– Family Support - 789-7100
Washoe Legal Services - 329-2727
Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline - 1-800-500-1556
National Domestic Violence Hotline - 1-800-799-SAFE(7233)
National Sexual Assault Hotline - 1-800-656-HOPE(4673)
National Suicide Hotline - 1-800-784-2433



Know Your Rights Crime Victim's Bill of Rights

The 1983 Nevada General Assembly mandated certain rights and guarantees to crime victims and witnesses. Chapter 178 of the Nevada Revised Statutes recognizes the following needs and rights of crime victims.

1. You have the right to know the status of the case in which you are involved.
2. You have the right to be free from intimidation or dissuasion.
3. You have the right to know when your impounded property can be released.
4. You have the right to receive a witness fee for lawful obedience to a subpoena.
5. You have the right to understand the existing compensation laws and receive compensation if applicable.
6. You have the right to a secure waiting area, which is not available to the defendant or their family, when you are in Court.
7. You have the right to know when the defendant is released from custody before or during trial (upon written request).
8. You have the right to know when the offender is released from prison (upon written request.)

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Domestic Violence Risk Assessment

- A gun is present in the home or is accessible to the suspect
- They have used or threatened to use a weapon
- We have recently separated or have threatened to separate or have filed for divorce
- They abuse drugs or alcohol
- There has been an increase in frequency and or severity of violence
- They have destroyed my cherished personal items
- They are jealous or attempt to control my daily activities
- They have accused you of cheating
- They have said "If I can't have you, no one can."
- They have threatened to kill you
- They contemplated, threatened or attempted suicide
- I have contemplated, threatened or attempted suicide
- They are violent towards children
- They have injured or killed pets
- They have forced me to have sex when I did not agree
- They have directed violence towards a pregnant partner
- I am currently pregnant
- They have a history of mental illness

Safety Plan

- Contact your local Victim Advocate or Domestic Violence Shelter
- Know the safe places that you can go (friends, family, shelters)
- Make copies of important papers and hide them
- Keep pocket money, important phone numbers, a extra set of house keys and car keys readily available.
- Pack and hide a overnight bag with an extra set of clothes for you and your children
- Memorize the number of the nearest domestic violence program, they can help during and after a crisis
- Keep a journal of injuries, harassment or anything that just didn't feel right, take pictures.

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate

The Victim Advocate provides assistance to Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The Victim Advocate can help you with

- Safety Planning
- Personal Advocacy
- Finding a safe shelter
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Updating you on the status of your criminal case
- Assisting in filing for Victims of Crime Compensation
- Assist in registering for victim notification (V.I.N.E)
- Assist in filing for a TPO or Stalking Orders
- Emergency Assistance (when eligible)
- Referrals to appropriate agency's for counseling, support and resources

Obtaining a Protection Order

To apply for a 30 day order, go to the Protection Order Advocates Office. They are located at the **Washoe County Courthouse on One S. Sierra Street, 3rd Floor, Room 308, Reno Nevada.** Call **328-4368**. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. An appointment is not necessary. It may take 4 to 6 hours to apply and there is no charge. You may apply even if there has been no arrest. Visit **www.washoecourts.com** for forms and more information.

Emergency Protection Order

If the person who committed the act of domestic battery has been arrested and is in jail, you may get an immediate Seven Day Protection Order even if the Courthouse is closed by calling: **352-5000**. This order will remain in effect for seven days or until the next judicial day following a holiday or weekend. Your order sets a date and time for the court hearing to determine whether your order should be extended beyond the seven days. Go to the Washoe County Courthouse to obtain a paper copy of this order.

General Information for Victims of Domestic Violence

Your Case Number: _____
My Name is Officer: _____
Date & Time: ___/___/___ ____:____
Suspect Name: _____
Booking #: _____
V.I.N.E Four Digit Pin Code: _____

Officer Notification

I am required to make a good faith effort to explain the requirements for a domestic battery arrest and advise you of all reasonable means to prevent further abuse, including advising you of the availability of a shelter or other services in the community.

If I have probable cause to believe that an act of domestic violence has been committed against you in the past 24 hours, I am required to immediately arrest the person suspected of committing the act, unless mitigating circumstances are present. The person arrested will not be released on bail any sooner than 12 hours after his/her arrest.

If I am unable to arrest the person suspected of committing the act of domestic violence against you, the police report will be forwarded to a detective who will investigate the case and forward it to a prosecutor for review. If the prosecutor approves the case, she/he will request a warrant or summons. The case will then be forwarded to a judge for issuance of the warrant or summons.

Victim Information & Notification Everyday "V.I.N.E"

V.I.N.E is a free, anonymous, computer-based telephone service that provides you information as to a inmate's status and notification when an inmate in the Washoe County Jail is being released or has escaped from custody. Dial **1-877-332-8463** to register your contact information so that you will be updated. Do not depend solely on the V.I.N.E service for your protection.



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