

Community Resources

Emergency Shelters

WEAVE	916-920-2952
My Sister's House	916-428-3271

Additional Resources

Sacramento Information Line www.211sacramento.org	211
Adult Protective Services	916-874-9377
CalVCB– Victim Compensation Board	800-777-9229
Child Protective Services	916-875-5437
Lawyer Referral Service	916-546-6707
MANALive Sacramento	877-662-8465
My Sister's House	916-428-3271
NextMove Family Shelter	916-455-2160
Powerhouse Ministries	916-983-0658
Senior Legal Hotline	916-551-2140
St. John Family Shelter	916-453-1482
Suicide Prevention	916-368-3111
Twin Lakes Food Bank	916-985-6232
Victim-Witness Assistance	916-874-5701
Wind Youth Services	916-561-4900

Law Enforcement

Folsom Police Department	916-355-7231
Sacramento Police Department	916-264-5471
Sacramento County Sheriff	916-874-5115
Citrus Heights Police Department	916-727-5500
Rancho Cordova Police Department	916-875-9600
Elk Grove Police Department	916-478-8000
Galt Police Department	209-366-7000

Report #:

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



It's Not Your Fault What Every Victim Should Know

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Folsom Police Department
46 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
(916) 355-7231
www.folsom.ca.us/police

For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1

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A DUTY TO PROTECT**

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that involves physical abuse or threat of physical abuse. Domestic Violence may include:

- Physical Abuse* *Sexual Abuse*
- Emotional Abuse* *Verbal Abuse*
- Economic Coercion* *Isolation*

Domestic Violence is committed by adults or adolescents against their intimate partners in current, or former dating, married, or cohabitating relationships. Domestic Violence does not discriminate against race, class, gender, sexual preference, age, or economic status.

Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Abuse is a crime even if the perpetrator is a spouse, partner, boyfriend, girlfriend, or within a dating relationship.

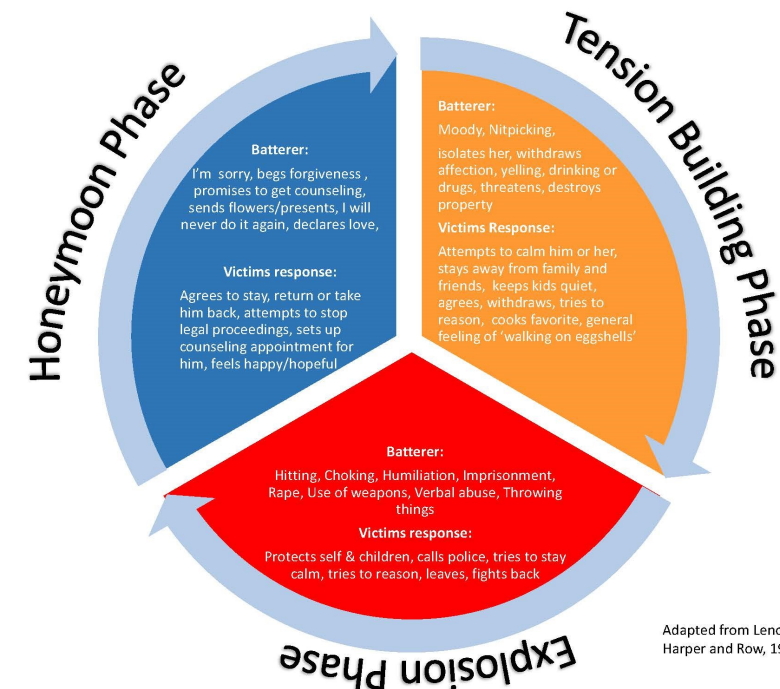
Did you know?

- Domestic Violence affects **at least one out of every four** families.
- Approximately 33% of female homicide victims in the U.S. are killed by their intimate partner.
- Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.

The Cycle of Violence

The Cycle of Violence may occur hundreds of times in a relationship. There may be a period of calm following each phase and each phase may last a different period of time.

While not everyone's experience is the same, it is important to note that without intervention, the Violence will likely continue to increase in frequency and severity.



Adapted from Lenore Walker, The Battered Woman, Harper and Row, 1979

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual Assault is:

- Unwanted sexual act committed or attempted against a person's will
- Forced or unwanted sexual contact
- Incest or molestation
- Sexual exploitation

It is a crime for anyone to sexually assault or rape you, whether they are a stranger, acquaintance, boyfriend, girlfriend, lover or even a spouse.

The decision to report the crime is up to the victim. By reporting the crime, the victim is acknowledging that what happened to them was wrong. As well, they may be preventing the suspect from attacking again. The victim's report may help substantiate reports from other victims.

The victim has the right to:

- Be believed, regardless of their relationship with the assailant,
- Decide for themselves if they want a medical evidentiary exam,
- Request that inaccuracies in the crime report, if any, be corrected,
- Request that their name not be made a matter of public record on the crime report,
- Request a friend/family member and rape crisis counselor be present during law enforcement interviews and/or court proceedings,
- Request a friend/family member and rape crisis counselor be present during the medical exam, and
- If assailant is held to answer in court, the victim has the right, in certain cases, to have the assailant tested for AIDS/HIV virus.

Law Enforcement Response

Domestic Violence- In an emergency situation, victims of Domestic Violence should call their local law enforcement or 911 immediately. Officers responding to an emergency call will first secure the scene. Once the scene is safe, officers will speak to the victim about the incident. Based on the facts of the incident, and if the abuser is still present, the officer may make an arrest at the scene. If the abuser has left, the officer may request an arrest warrant from the court. The officer will document the incident and provide the victim with a report number.

Sexual Assault- Sexual Assault victims who wish to report the crime should contact local law enforcement or call 911 as soon as possible.

The evidence of the crime is on your body, clothing and location of the assault. Do not dispose of any items and follow these steps to help preserve evidence and help law enforcement:

- Do not shower/bath before the medical exam;
- Do not brush teeth, smoke, gargle, drink liquids prior to the medical exam;
- Save and do not wash bedding or clothing;
- Try not to disturb the crime scene or location of the assault; keep people and pets away from the crime scene.

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) provides a 24-hour response to sexual assault victims at Sutter Medical Plaza in Sacramento. The primary goal of SART is to reduce additional trauma to the rape victim, while collecting evidence to support a possible arrest and conviction of the assailant. Law enforcement may transport the victim to the hospital for this specialized exam.

Restraining Orders

The victim has the right to petition the court for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order. The following orders may be issued by a judge based on facts alleged in the restraining order application:

- Restraining abuser from abusing the victim and other family members,
- Directing abuser to leave the household,
- Preventing abuser from entering the residence, school, business or place of employment of the victim,
- Awarding non-abusive parent custody of, or visitation with, a minor child(ren),
- Restraining abuser from molesting/interfering with minor children in custody of victim,
- Directing abuser to pay support for minor children if there is legal obligation to do so,
- Directing abuser to make specified debt payments while order is in effect, and/or
- Directing either or both parties to attend counseling.

In an emergency situation and when there are reasonable facts showing an immediate and present threat, a Domestic Violence victim may be eligible for an Emergency Restraining Order obtained by law enforcement officers at the scene.

To obtain a Domestic Violence Restraining Order:

Sacramento Superior Court
William R. Ridgeway
Family Relations Courthouse
3341 Power Inn Road
Sacramento, CA 95826
916-875-3400
www.saccourt.ca.gov/restraining-orders
Business Hours:
Monday– Friday
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

District Attorney's Office

The District Attorney's Office has a team of specially trained Deputy District Attorneys and support personnel that handle Domestic Violence case. Once presented with a case by law enforcement, the D.A.'s office will review and determine how best to move forward with prosecution.

A victim of Domestic Violence also has the right to file a civil law suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse. Those losses may include medical expenses, property damage, and other domestic violence related expenses.

District Attorney Domestic Violence Unit **916-874-6171**

District Attorney Sexual Assault Unit **916-874-6557**

Family Justice Center **916-876-4673**

VINE (Victim Info and Notification) **800-491-3064**

Provides free custody status on offenders booked at Sacramento County Jail. You will be able to request notification whenever an offender is released, transferred or escapes.

Important Phone Numbers

National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-7643
Victims of Crime Resource Center (800) VICTIMS

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