

VICTIM'S SAFETY PLAN

HAVE A SAFETY PLAN

1. **Know how to get out.** Make sure you always have a way outside.
2. **Decide where you will go.** Know ahead of time exactly where you will go. A safe place: shelter (801-255-1095), family member or a friend where the abuser could not find you.
3. **Pack a suitcase.** Have a suitcase or bag ready to go. Keep special items in a safe place, so that you can get them on short notice (a friend or relative's house, at work). Include:

Important Items:

Clothing, toiletries, medications, baby needs, extra money and car & house keys.

Important Documents:

Picture I.D., Birth Certificates, Bank numbers, Immunization records, Social Security Cards, Checks and credit cards.

IF YOU HAVE A PROTECTIVE ORDER:

Keep a copy of your Protective Order with you at all times.

Have your phone number changed and unlisted. Any contact with the abuser should be through legal means. i.e. attorney.

Notify schools and day care. This tells them that only you are authorized to pickup your children.

Inform your neighbors. Tell them to call the police if anything is suspicious. Show them a picture of the abuser.

A VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

RESOURCES LIST

SHELTERS

YWCA:	(801) 537-8600
South Valley Services	(801) 255-1095
Park City	(435) 647-9161
Tooele Shelter	(435) 224-2710

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Aid Society:	(801) 328-8849
Utah Legal Services:	(801) 328-8891
Lawyer Referral Service:	(801) 531-9075

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

(855) 323-3237

CRISIS LINES:

Domestic Violence Hotline:	1-800-897-LINK
West Jordan Victim Assistance:	(801) 566-6511
Rape Recovery Center:	(801) 467-7273
Suicide Prevention:	(801) 587-3008
Salt Lake Crisis Line:	(801) 355-2804

OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

(801) 238-2360

COUNSELING SERVICES

Family Support Center:	(801) 255-6881
Sandy Counseling:	(801) 944-1666
F.A.C.T.:	(801) 293-9123
S.L.Valley Mental Health	(801) 566-4423
Choices (YWCA):	(801) 537-8600

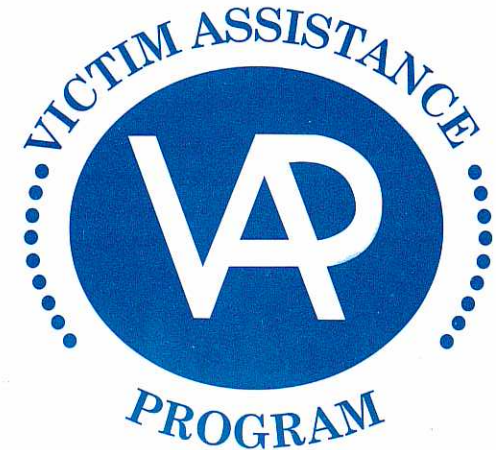
OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Jail Information Release:	1-877-UT4-VINE
Workforce Services:	(801) 468-0000
Third District Court:	(801) 238-7300
West Jordan District Court:	(801) 233-9700
Information & Referral Center.:	211

WEST JORDAN

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



VICTIM ASSISTANCE	(801) 566-6511
POLICE DEPARTMENT	(801) 256-2000
WEST JORDAN JUSTICE COURT	(801) 256-2290
WEST JORDAN PROSECUTOR	(801) 569-5140

OFFICER: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence includes a variety of abusive behaviors or threats of abuse. It can be a combination of physical, sexual, and/or verbal abuse.

WHO IS THE ABUSER?

Your partner has committed domestic violence when he/she physically harms, intimidates or causes fear in the persons with whom he/she shares living space.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Note that a victim is anyone with whom the abuser lives or has lived. For this reason victims of domestic violence can include many different people. The victim does not have to be related by blood to the abuser. Victims can include any of the following: wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, parents, stepchildren, stepparents, girlfriends, boyfriends, roommates, guest, etc.

WHAT IS ABUSE?

Disagreements and arguments are often part of a normal relationship. But physical violence or other abusive behavior is not normal! Abuse comes in many forms. Listed below are some questions to ask yourself that will help identify the different types of abuse you have experienced.

Physical Abuse. Has your partner ever pushed, slapped, or hit you? Kept you from leaving? Kicked, choked or thrown things at you?

Emotional Abuse. Has he/she ever threatened or intimidated you? Isolated you socially from family and friends? Used the children to manipulate you? Monitored your phone calls? ("Called you names? Humiliated you in private or in public? Ignored your feelings?

Sexual abuse. Does your partner become angry if you glance at someone of the opposite sex? Has he/she ever accused you of having affairs? Forced you to have sex? Committed sadistic sexual acts?

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The West Jordan Victim Assistance Program assists victims and witnesses of violent crimes. For information and support services contact the Victim Assistance Program at 566-6511.

INFORMATION:

Referrals to various community resources.

Victims' Rights

Details of your case.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

Crisis intervention.

Assistance in filing *Protective Orders*.

Assist in obtaining copies of police reports.

Support in court proceedings.

Protective Orders:

Protective Order May Be Obtained At:

Third District Courts: SLC-
450 S State St. Rm. W17
West Jordan-
8080 S Redwood Rd. Rm. 3501

This process can take up to 4-6 hours. It is best to arrange childcare if possible.

WHAT IS A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

An order issued by the Third District Court giving the victims of domestic violence protection from further abuse.

Protective Orders differ from restraining orders. To obtain a restraining order you must go through a private attorney.

There are two Parts to the Protective Order: The Ex-Parte order is good for approximately 21 days then there will be a hearing for the permanent Protective Order.

There is **No Cost** for a Protective Order

Eligibility Requirements:

To obtain a Protective Order at least ONE of the following must apply to you and your abuser:

1. Are married or have been married
2. Have a child in common
3. Are related by blood or marriage
4. Have resided together at some time
5. Are 16 years of age or older and are not the parent, stepparent or guardian of the abuser.

Items Needed to Obtain The Order:

When applying for a Protective Order, take the following information with you:

1. Names and addresses of places, that the abuser must avoid (home, work schools, day-care, family members' homes).
2. Addresses where officers can find and serve the abuser with the court papers.
3. Descriptions of acts of violence against you and/or your children. Police case number if police have been called.
4. Pictured I.D. Is required.

Jail Release Agreement Form:

Upon arrest for any act of domestic violence, the person arrested may not be released from jail on bail or any other way prior to the **close of the next court day**, unless as a condition of release they agree, in writing that until midnight of the day they see the judge. They will:

- Have no contact with the victim
- Not threaten or harass the victim
- Not enter the home of the victim or any home temporarily occupied by the victim.

This order is only available if the offender is to be booked in jail.

Violation of a no contact order is punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of \$2,500.00.

The victim may elect to waive in writing the first and third provisions of the Jail Release Agreement. Waivers are available at the City Hall Attorney's Office Department.