

RESOURCES

A community-based organization may contact you regarding this incident. For information on shelters, battered women's services, rape victim counseling and other services, contact the following:

FAMILY SERVICES

North County Family Violence Prevention Center
(760) 798-2835
DV Links (888) DV Links
Palomar-Pomerado Health Family Violence Prog.
(760) 739-2140
East County Family Justice Center (619) 456-9609

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Center for Community Services (858) 272-5777
East County Center for Community Solutions
(619) 697-7477
Legal Aid Society (619) 262-0896
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (619) 235-5656
East County Family Justice Center (619) 456-9609

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

San Diego Domestic Violence Hotline (888) 305-7233
National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233
Domestic Violence Services (619) 234-3164
East County Emergency Shelter (619) 447-2428
Project Safehouse (619) 267-8023
Salvation Army (619) 239-8027
Women's Resource Center (760) 757-3500
Center for Community Solutions (888) 272-1767

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Crisis Team Hotline (800) 479-3339

RAPE COUNSELING

Center for Community Solutions (888) 272-1767

YOUTH SERVICES

24-Hour Crisis Services (619) 447-2428

EMERGENCY FOOD & CLOTHING

Episcopal Family Services (619) 243-1612

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Child Protective Services (858) 560-2191
Child Abuse Hotline (800) 344-6000

SPANISH SPEAKING AGENCIES

Casa Familiar (619) 428-1115
Chicano Federation (619) 236-1228
Crisis Team (619) 557-0500

**There is no excuse for violence.
YOU DESERVE BETTER!
There is help.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER CLINICS

East County Courthouse
250 East Main, El Cajon (619) 456-4100
9:00 to 12:00 – Monday thru Friday

North County Courthouse
325 South Melrose Drive, Vista (760) 201-8600
8:00 to 11:30 – Monday thru Friday

Madge Bradley Family Violence Solutions Center
1409 4th Avenue, San Diego (619) 450-7575
8:30 to 12:00 – Monday thru Friday

South Bay Courthouse
500 Third Avenue, Room 155 Walk-in Clinic
Chula Vista 9:00 to 12:00 – Monday thru Friday

**Call the station below for domestic
violence case questions, or call the
Communications Center at (858) 565-5200
for station information:**

4S Ranch (619) 565-5200
Alpine Station (619) 659-2600
Encinitas Station (760) 966-3500
Fallbrook Substation (760) 451-3100
Imperial Beach Station (619) 498-2400
Julian Substation (760) 765-4718
Lemon Grove Station (619) 337-2000
Poway Station (858) 513-2800
Ramona Substation (760) 789-9157
San Marcos Station (760) 510-5200
Santee Station (619) 956-4000
Valley Center/Pauma Substation (760) 751-4400
Vista Station (760) 940-4551

Sexual Assault Unit (858) 974-2316

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The violence stops at our door

YOUR CASE NUMBER

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM GUIDE



**San Diego County
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Keeping the Peace Since 1850

William D. Gore, Sheriff

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND YOUR RIGHTS

It is California law that a crime or incident report must be written on every domestic violence call for assistance. You have certain rights as a victim of domestic violence. You have the right to:

- A) Ask the District Attorney to file a criminal complaint.
- B) Go to court to file a petition requesting any of the following:
 - 1) An order restraining the attacker from abusing you or any family member.
 - 2) An order directing the attacker to leave the household.
 - 3) An order preventing the attacker from entering your residence, school or business.
 - 4) An order awarding custody and/or visitation.
 - 5) An order restraining the attacker from molesting or interfering with the minor children in your custody.
 - 6) An order directing your attacker to pay support.
 - 7) An order directing your attacker to pay debts.
 - 8) An order directing one or both parties to attend counseling.

These orders can only be changed by order of the court, not by any action or inaction on your part.

VICTIM INFORMATION

California provides reimbursement to victims who suffer financial loss or hardship directly attributed to physical or mental injury inflicted during, or as a result of, the commission of a crime of violence. The District Attorney's Office coordinates this effort through their Victim/Witness Program. For information about the California Victim's Compensation Program, you may contact (800) 777-9229.

You may also file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse. This may include medical expenses, loss of earnings and other expenses for injuries sustained and damage to property, and any other losses sustained by you or the agency that shelters you.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you have the right to make a citizen's arrest of your attacker. The deputy at the scene will assist you in making the arrest. Per law and mandate, the deputy may make an arrest of your attacker even without your cooperation. If your attacker has violated a domestic violence protective order, you may file a report with law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

You have the right to have your name kept from public record in any written report or case involving sexual assault. You have the right to be notified within 15 days of the pending release of your attacker from custody. You may also contact any of the Sheriff's detention facilities to request notification of the pending release of your attacker. You should realize that despite official restraint of the suspect, he/she may be released from custody at any time.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault by a stranger or a person known to you, including your spouse, is a crime. If you are raped or sexually assaulted, call 9-1-1 immediately to report the crime. Do not wash, shower, douche, change clothes or brush your teeth. It could possibly destroy or contaminate evidence. San Diego County utilizes a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) concept. The SART consists of a nurse examiner that has been specially trained to provide a forensic evidentiary exam and medical support, a law enforcement officer to conduct an investigation of the crime, and emergency assistance for the victim and a victim advocate to provide emotional support.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is concerned about your safety and well-being. The violence is not your fault. Only the abuser is responsible for his or her behavior.

**NO ONE
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DIAL 9-1-1 FOR REPORTING CRIMES IN
PROGRESS, MEDICAL AID, AND LIFE
THREATENING EMERGENCIES.

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Communications Center (858) 565-5200**