

RESOURCES

San Diego Domestic Violence Hotline
(888) 385-4657

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-7233 (SAFE)

National Sexual Assault Hotline
(800) 656-4673

National Sex Offenders Public Website
www.nsopw.gov

North County Family Violence Prevention Center
(760) 798-2835
www.familyviolencepreventioncenter.org

South Bay Community Services
(800) 640-2933
www.southbaycommunityservices.org

Center for Community Solutions
(888) 385-4657
www.ccssd.org

License to Freedom (Assisting Refugee and Immigrant Communities in East County)
(619) 401-2800
www.licensetofreedom.org

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center
(619) 692-2077
www.thecentersd.org

Spanish Speaking Agencies
Casa Familiar (619) 428-1115
Crisis Team (800) 479-3339

Native American Community
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition
(760) 505-1194 (Serving North County)
Southern Indian Health Council
(800) 400-1189 (Serving East County)

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)
(877) 411-5588
www.vinelink.com

San Diego Youth Services
24-Hour Crisis Services (866) 752-2327

Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
(877) 534-2524
www.lassd.org

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
(619) 235-5656
www.sdvlp.org

Resources for Men
Men's Legal Center
(619) 239-5100
National DV Hotline
(800) 799-7233

County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services / Adult Protective Services
(800) 510-2020
www.co.san-diego.ca.us/hhsa/programs/ais/

County of San Diego Child Welfare Services
(858) 694-5191
www.sdcountry.ca.gov

San Diego District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program
(619) 531-4041
www.sdcca.org

San Diego County Sheriff's Department Website
www.sdsheriff.net/communityoutreach

SHELTER INFORMATION

Center for Community Solutions
(888) 385-4657
www.ccssd.org

Becky's House / YWCA
(619) 234-3164
www.ywcasandiego.org

Women's Resource Center
(760) 757-3500
www.wrcsd.org

CASE NUMBER

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE GUIDE



**San Diego County
Sheriff's Department**
Keeping the Peace Since 1850

William D. Gore, Sheriff

**DIAL 911 FOR CRIMES IN PROGRESS,
MEDICAL AID AND LIFE
THREATENING EMERGENCIES**

**For non-emergencies call
1-858-565-5200 or visit the Sheriff's
Department's website at:
WWW.SDSHERIFF.NET**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner.

Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, or injure someone.

Domestic violence victims come from every age group, gender, religion, ethnic/racial group, socioeconomic level, educational level and sexual orientation.

Domestic violence is a crime and law enforcement may make an arrest of your abuser even without your cooperation pursuant to California Penal Code Section 13701(b).

Also, despite official restraint of the person alleged to have committed domestic violence, the restrained person may be released at any time.

You may register an e-mail address and /or telephone numbers in order to be notified when an inmate is released, is pending release, or when transferred to a facility in another county or state prison. This service is called "Victim Information and Notification Everyday" or VINE. **Call VINE toll-free at (877) 411-5588 or visit the Sheriff's website for detailed instructions on signing up for VINE, or how to seek a restraining order at WWW.SDSHERIFF.NET/DV**

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. Many attackers are repeat offenders and reporting the crime may help identify and apprehend an attacker.

It is important that you **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.

For more information call the **Sheriff's Department Sexual Assault Unit at (858) 974-2316.**

California has required sex offenders to register with their local law enforcement agencies since 1947. Since 2004, the public has been able to view information on sex offenders required to register with local law enforcement under California's "Megan's Law." Visit the California Office of the Attorney General's website at www.meganslaw.ca.gov to learn more.

YOUR RIGHTS

Law enforcement is required by law to write a crime report or incident report on every domestic violence and sexual assault call for assistance.

You have the right to request that your name be kept from public record in any law enforcement report where you were listed as the victim of a sex crime.

You have the right to have a victim advocate and a support person of your choosing present at any interview by law enforcement, district attorney or defense attorney. However, the support person may be excluded from an interview by law enforcement or the district attorney if they determine that the presence of that individual would be detrimental to the purpose of the interview.

You may ask the District Attorney to file a criminal complaint against your attacker.

You have the right to file civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings, and other related expenses for injuries sustained and damage to property, and any other related expenses incurred by you or any agency that shelters you. The District Attorney's Office coordinates this effort through their Victim/Witness Program. You

may contact them at (619) 531-4041 or visit their website at www.sdca.org.

You may also contact the California Victims' Services Unit at (877) 433-9069.

You have the right to go to the Superior Court and file a petition (court order) requesting any of the following orders for relief:

- Restraining your attacker from abusing you or any other family member
- Directing your attacker to leave your household
- Preventing your attacker from entering your residence, school, business or place of employment
- Awarding you or the other parent custody of, or visitation with, your minor child or children
- Restraining your attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in your custody
- Directing the party not granted custody, to pay support of minor children, if that party has a legal obligation to do so
- Directing the defendant to make specified debt payments coming due while the order is in effect
- Directing that either or both parties participate in counseling

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

Visit the Sheriff's Department website at www.sdsheriff.net/dv to view videos explaining the restraining order process. You may also call any of the San Diego Superior Courts for restraining order information:

East County	(619) 456-4100
North County	(760) 201-8600
South County	(619) 746-6200
Central (Madge Bradley)	(619) 450-7575

Restraining order forms are available at the San Diego Superior Court website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov

Additional resources and emergency shelters are listed on the back of this pamphlet.