

**OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE
IRVING POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Report Number: _____

It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD.

Please tell the investigating peace officer:

If you, your child, or any other household resident has been injured; or
If you feel you are going to be in danger when the officer leaves or later.

You have the right to:

Ask the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence.

Apply to a court for an order to protect you. **For information regarding a Protective Order, call (214) 653-3528.**

Protective Orders may be valid for a period of up to two years. **If a family or household member or someone you are dating assaults you and is arrested, you may request that a Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection be issued.** Please inform the investigating officer if you want an **Order for Emergency Protection**. You need not be present when the order is issued. A Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection may be valid for a period of sixty-one (61) days. You cannot be charged a fee by a court in connection with filing, serving, or entering a protective order. The court can enter an order that:

- 1) the abuser not commit further acts of violence
- 2) the abuser not threaten, harass you;
- 3) directs the abuser to stay 500 feet from your residence and place of employment;
- 4) the abuser cannot threaten you through a third party.

A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF COURT-ORDERED PROTECTION IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

A VIOLATION OF (1) MAY BE A FELONY.

The Crime Victim's Compensation Division of the Office of the Texas Attorney General offers financial assistance for victims of Family Violence. Some of these benefits include medical expenses, counseling for the victim and family members, Loss of Support, Child Care (by a licensed provider), and **Relocation Assistance**. The relocation benefit is a one-time award of up to \$3,800.00. This award may pay for the cost of moving, packing boxes, security deposits, utility deposits, other immediate costs up to \$2,000 and up to 3 months rent not exceeding \$1,800. The victim must have suffered physical harm. The following requirements must be met: the crime must be a crime against a person, police report made, and the victim must cooperate with law enforcement to prosecute the abuser. For information, call (972) 721-6560 and ask for Victim's Assistance, or 1-800-983-9933.

CALL THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY SHELTERS OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE:

Irving Police/Fire/Ambulance	9-1-1	Irving Family Advocacy Center (counseling services)	(972) 721-6555
Brighter Tomorrows Women's Shelter	(972) 262-8383	IPD Family Violence Counselor	(972) 721-6560
Family Place	(214) 941-1991	IPD Domestic Violence Unit	(972) 721-6555
Salvation Army F/V Shelter	(214) 634-3454	Child and Family Guidance Centers	(214) 351-3490
Genesis Women's Shelter	(214) 942-2998	City Attorney	(972) 721-3600
New Beginning Center	(972) 276-0057	District Attorney	
Austin Street Shelter	(214) 428-4242	(Family Violence Division)	(214) 653-3528
		Protective Order Information	(214) 653-3528
		North-West Texas Legal Services	
Rape Crisis Center	(214) 590-0430		(214) 748-1234 ext. 3022
Suicide Crisis Center	(214) 828-1000	Dispute Mediation Service	(214) 754-0022
Contact Crisis Support	(972) 233-2233	Child and Adult Protective Services	1-800-252-5400
		Alcoholics Anonymous	(214) 887-6699
Information & Referral Services	(214) 379-4357	Parkland Violence Intervention Prevention Center	
			(214) 590-2926

Muốn được giúp đỡ, xin liên lạc với Trung Tâm Cố Vấn Đông Dallas theo điện thoại số : (214) 823-4434

TEXAS CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS

Pursuant to the Code of Criminal Procedures, Chapter 56, victims of crime have the right to:

1. Receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts.
2. Have their safety considered by the magistrate when setting bail.
3. Receive information, on request, of relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings, cancellations, and rescheduling prior to the event, and of appellate court decisions after the decisions are entered but before they are made public.
4. Receive information, on request, from a peace officer about the defendant's right to bail and criminal investigation procedures, and from the prosecutors office about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea agreements, restitution, appeals, and parole.
5. Provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department conducting the pre-sentencing investigation.
6. Information about Crime Victim's Compensation and payment for a medical exam for a victim of sexual assault.
7. Information on parole procedures, notification of parole procedure and the inmates release, the right to participate in the parole process, and the right to submit information to the board to be considered prior to parole.
8. A separate or secure waiting area at all public court proceedings.
9. The prompt return of any property that is no longer needed as evidence.
10. Notification to the victim's employer by the prosecutor that the need for the victims testimony may involve the victim's absence from work.
11. Testing, and counseling on request regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for victims of sexual assault.
12. Request Victim-offender mediation.
13. Be informed of the use and purpose of a victim impact statement, complete a victim impact statement, and have the statement considered before sentencing and acceptance of a plea bargain and before an inmate is released on parole.

Programs Assisting VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Violence Intervention Program at Parkland Health & Hospital System:

Case workers will assist victims in the strictest confidence to ensure the victim's privacy, safety, and well being by:

- Explaining hospital procedures and resources available to victims of violence.
- Helping provide official and confidential documentation of the type of abuse.
- Documenting any physical injuries if needed via photographs, which are kept in a safe place and can be used to gain a protective order or for a court case.
- Scheduling you for continued care at the VIP or Crisis Recovery Center.
- Arranging for emergency shelter for the victim if needed.
- Assessing the victim's need for other services and referring for any of the following services:
 - a. Treatment of immediate health needs, including lab work, "well woman" exams and follow-up exams
 - b. Crisis counseling and short-term counseling for victims and their families
 - c. Group sessions
 - d. Follow-up photo documentation of injuries which are more visible several days after the assault
 - e. Arrange for the victim to have a primary healthcare provider
 - f. Locate support services as needed for law enforcement or social services
 - g. Court accompaniment.

If you are in an emergency situation and need immediate care go directly to Parkland Hospital Emergency Department.

For non-emergency assistance, **Call: (214) 590-2926** to schedule an appointment Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Other Sexual Assault programs offering counseling and court accompaniment:

Victim's Outreach – (214) 358-5173

Brighter Tomorrows – (972) 263-0506