



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### Domestic Violence Resources

Domestic violence is defined as physical, mental, verbal and emotional abuse of a person who is currently or formerly involved with an individual in a dating, married or family relationship. The Office of the Attorney General does not have the direct authority to assist with providing relief from domestic violence. If you are experiencing domestic violence the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (“CCADV”) can assist you. The telephone number for CCADV’s 24 hour hotline at **1-888-774-2900**. Or, you may find your local domestic violence organization listed below:

| Region                             | Agency                                                                                | Towns Covered                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>North West Region</b>           | Women's Support Services—Sharon<br>(860) 364-1900                                     | Sharon, Canaan, Cornwall,<br>Cornwall, Cornwall, North<br>Canaan, Salisbury                                                              |
|                                    | Susan B. Anthony Project—<br>Torrington (860)482-7133                                 | Colebrook, Goshen, Hartland,<br>Harwinton, Litchfield, Morris,<br>New Hartford, Norfolk,<br>Torrington, Warren, Washington<br>Winchester |
| <b>Danbury Region</b>              | Women's Center of Greater Danbury<br>(203) 731-5206                                   | Bethel, Brookfield,<br>Danbury, New Fairfield, New<br>Milford, Newtown, Redding,<br>Ridgefield, Roxbury, Sherman,<br>Waterbridge         |
| <b>South West Region</b>           | Domestic Violence Crisis Center<br>Norwalk (203) 853-0418                             | Darien, New Canaan, Weston,<br>Westport, Wilton, Norwalk                                                                                 |
|                                    | Domestic Abuse Center of Greenwich<br>YMCA (203) 622-0003                             | Greenwich                                                                                                                                |
|                                    | The Center for Women & Families of<br>Eastern Fairfield County, Inc<br>(203) 384-9559 | Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield,<br>Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull                                                                            |
| <b>Naugatuck Valley<br/>Region</b> | The Umbrella Birmingham Group<br>Ansonia (203) 736-9944                               | Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby,<br>(Orange), Oxford, Seymour,<br>Shelton                                                                   |
|                                    | Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury<br>(203) 575-0036                                     | Bethlehem, Cheshire,<br>Middlebury, Naugatuck,                                                                                           |

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|                             |                                                                         | Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>North Central Region</b> | Network Against Domestic Abuse<br>Enfield (860) 763-4542                | East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, Stafford, Suffield, Windsor Locks                                                                                                                                       |
|                             | Interval House Hartford<br>(860) 527-0550                               | Andover, Avon, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, Danbury, East Granby, East Hartford, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Simsbury, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford                                              |
| <b>Central Region</b>       | New Horizons Community Health Center Middletown (860) 347-3044          | Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Madison, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook                            |
|                             | Prudence Crandall Center - New Britain 860-225-6357                     | Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, New Britain, Newington, Plymouth, Southington                                                                                                                             |
|                             | Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis – Meriden (203) 238-1501                  | Meriden, Wallingford                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>South Central Region</b> | Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven 203-789-8104            | Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge                                                              |
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| <b>North East Region</b>    | Domestic Violence Program United Services, Inc Dayville (860) 774-8648  | Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Hampton, Mansfield, Scotland, Willington, Willimantic, Windham                                                                                                   |
|                             | Domestic Violence Program United Services, Inc Willimantic 860-456-9476 | Brooklyn, Canterbury, Dayville, Eastford, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Woodstock                                                                                 |
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| <b>South East Region</b>    | Women’s Center of Southern CT - New London (860) 701-6000               | Bozrah, Colchester, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, Voluntown, Waterford |

In addition, because domestic violence is a **crime**, you have the option of contacting your local police department.

Two legal means of gaining relief from abuse include obtaining either a restraining order or a protective order. Below is a quick comparison between the two:

| <b>Restraining Order</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Protective Order</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Goes through Civil Court after <u>application filed by a victim</u>                                                             | Goes through Criminal Court after an <u>arrest</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Perpetrator must be a current or former family member, household member, dating partner or spouse.                              | May be put in place by a judge if the perpetrator is arrested for activities such as assault, stalking, threatening or harassment.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| A judge may extend the restraining order to other family members including children and/or animals owned or kept by the person. | Orders may be put in place for a current or former family member, household member, dating partner or spouse and may protect animals owned or kept by the protected person. Orders may protect minor children if they are identified as victims of the crime for which the perpetrator was arrested. |
| A judge may grant the applicant temporary custody of children.                                                                  | An advocate from the local domestic violence program may be available at criminal court to assist with orders and safety planning.                                                                                                                                                                   |

### **Obtaining a Restraining Order**

The Office of the Attorney General cannot directly assist you with obtaining a restraining order or a protective order. However, an advocate from the local domestic violence program may be able to assist you with applying for a restraining order. They can also assist you with safety planning and, when available, may be able to attend court with you at the time of the hearing. You can reach a local domestic violence program by calling CCADV's hotline at **1-888-774-2900**.

In addition, most civil courts have a Service Center where someone can explain how to complete the application and the affidavit. Below is a list of current Court Service Centers from the Connecticut Judicial website.

| <b>Superior Courthouses Court Service Center</b> | <b>Telephone</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ansonia-Milford Judicial District courthouse     | (203) 283-8260   | 1st floor       |
| Danbury Judicial District courthouse             | (203) 207-8766   | Lower Level     |
| Fairfield Judicial District courthouse           | (203) 579-7210   | 1st floor       |
| Hartford Family Court                            | (860) 706-5064   | 2nd floor       |
| Meriden Judicial District courthouse             | (203) 238-6499   | 2nd floor       |
| Middlesex Judicial District courthouse           | (860) 343-6499   | 1st floor       |
| New Britain Judicial District courthouse         | (860) 515-5151   | 2nd floor       |
| New Haven Judicial District - courthouse         | (203) 503-6819   | 1st floor       |
| Norwich Judicial District courthouse             | (860) 823-0857   | 2nd floor       |

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| Stamford Judicial District courthouse  | (203) 965-5297 | 4th floor |
| Tolland Judicial District courthouse   | (860) 896-4945 | 1st floor |
| Waterbury Judicial District courthouse | (203) 591-3308 | 1st floor |

For more information go to the CCADV website at [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org) or to learn how to apply for a restraining order to go the CT Judicial Website <http://www.jud.ct.gov/pub.htm#Family>  
(Restraining Orders: How to Apply for Relief from Abuse JD-FM-142)