

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Describe what happened in as much detail as possible
- Show any injuries or damaged property that happened as a result
- Identify any witnesses who saw the incident when it happened
- Provide any relevant documentation, such as your ID or court documents
- Request the incident number of the report and a follow-up phone number

WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY DO

- Make an arrest if there is probable cause or if the law allows for such
- Write a detailed report about the incident
- Encourage you to describe what happened to a magistrate
- Assist you by arranging for aid or transportation as needed
- Provide you with information on victim/witness resources

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REQUEST

- An emergency protective order (EPO) from a magistrate, if necessary
- A warrant from a magistrate if law enforcement do not make an arrest
- Possible reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of the crime
- Assistance with transportation to a hospital or other safe location
- Assistance with transportation to a magistrate

YOUR RIGHTS AS A VICTIM/WITNESS

- Protection from further harm or threats of harm – call 911 if threats occur
- Information about the subsequent steps in the processing of the case
- Employer intercession when required to appear in court for proceedings
- Separate waiting area from the accused during court proceedings
- Access to an interpreter, if needed
- Return of property and/or restitution for damages or loss
- Notice about the release or status changes of a defendant/prisoner

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

- Are issued by a judge or magistrate and are valid for up to 72 hours
- Can order the abuser to stay away from you
- Can order the abuser to stop abuse of you and other household members
- Can grant temporary possession of a vehicle, residence, or companion animal
- Can grant temporary custody of children

IMPORTANT STATE CONTACTS

- Virginia Victim Notification Program – (800) 370-0459
- Virginia Crime Victim Assistance Info Line – (888) 887-3418
- Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline – (800) 838-8238
- Virginia Victim Assistance Network – (855) 433-5782
- Virginia Victims Fund – (800) 552-4007
- Virginia State Police – (804) 674-2000

NATIONAL HOTLINE CONTACTS

- National Child Abuse Hotline – (800) 422-4453
- National Domestic Violence Hotline – (800) 799-7233
- National Elder Abuse Hotline – (866) 363-4276
- National Sexual Assault Hotline – (800) 656-4673
- National Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Hotline – (800) 662-4357
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline – (800) 273-8255

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Department of Criminal Justice Services Publications
 - www.dcjs.virginia.gov/publications
- National Center for Victims of Crime
 - www.victimsofcrime.org/getting-help
- Office for Victims of Crime Search Directory
 - www.ovc.ojp.gov/directory-crime-victim-services/search

OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL

VICTIM / WITNESS INFORMATION



Date: _____

Agent Name: _____

Agent's Phone Number: _____

Incident Number: _____

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