



CITY OF CLEVELAND

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PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
UNIT**





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RESOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION

**Cuyahoga County
Witness/Victim Service
Center**
(216) 443-7325

**Domestic Relations Court
Domestic Violence
Department**
(216) 698-8529

**Legal Aid Society of
Cleveland**
(216) 687-1900

**Al-Anon / Alateen
Cleveland**
(216) 621-1381

**Journey Center For
Safety And Healing**
(formerly DVCAC)
(216) 391-4357 (HELP)

Recovery Resources
(216) 431-4131

Frontline Services
(216) 623-6555

**Cleveland Rape Crisis
Center**
(216) 619-6194

United Way
2-1-1

Catholic Charities
(216) 334-2900

Asian Inc.
(216) 881-0330

**LGBT Community
Center of Greater
Cleveland**
(216) 651-5428

**Equality Ohio
Legal Clinic**
(855) 542-8529
(855-LGBT-LAW)

**Nueva Luz Urban
Resource Center
Legal Clinic**
(216) 651-8236



CITY OF CLEVELAND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT

“We are committed to improving the quality of life in the City of Cleveland by strengthening our neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing the diversity of our citizens, and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city to live, work and raise a family.”

Working To Make Cleveland A Better Community!

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The City of Cleveland Domestic Violence Unit prosecutes misdemeanor crimes including domestic violence, assault, menacing by stalking and violation of protection order among other charges. Prosecutors review police reports involving both misdemeanors and felonies. Matters charged as a felony or referred to the Grand Jury are handled by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office.

In the City of Cleveland a police report may be generated by an officer responding to a 911 call or by a citizen going into a police district to make a police report. Once a police report for domestic violence or related crime is generated that falls under VAWA guidelines, the report is forward to the Domestic Violence Unit in the City of Cleveland Police Department. The matter is then assigned to a detective for follow-up investigation and a victim advocate will consult with the victim about referrals to social service programs and the court process.

All reports assigned to detectives in the Domestic Violence Unit are reviewed by Prosecutors assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit and dedicated to handling such cases. If charges are issued for an incident, a victim is eligible for a Temporary Protection Order to be issued by the court against the offender. Such orders restrict offenders from making contact with victims via phone, text, social media or third parties. A Dedicated Domestic Violence Prosecutor will handle the case from first appearance in court to final disposition. Throughout the court process a victim will have access to advocacy services.

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IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF ABUSE

1. You are not alone there is help available. Counseling services, transitional housing, shelter, etc. Advocacy services can also assist victims.
2. If you are in immediate danger please call 911.
3. Your safety is important. There are organizations that can assist you into shelter.
4. Victims are at a greater risk of violence when they try to leave their offender.
5. Advocates, Law Enforcement, and other organizations are here to help victims break the cycle of violence. Do not suffer in silence.



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SAFETY PLAN

- ALWAYS call the police first before any family or friends because they will be able to reach you the quickest.
- Identify a neighbor you can tell about what is happening and ask that they call the police if they hear disturbances coming from your home.
- Practice how to get out of your home safely.
- Have a checklist of things you need to take if you need to leave suddenly: Identification, birth certificates, money, passports, SSI card, medications, keys, any lease agreements, etc.
- Discuss a safety plan with your children for when you are not with them.
- Keep a shelters phone number at hand just in case of emergency.
- Have a safety plan for when leaving work.
- ALWAYS be aware of your surroundings.
- Change your locks if possible and speak with your landlord about what is going on.
- Open a savings account in your own name.

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POLICE DISTRICTS

First District: 3895 West 130th Street • (216) 623-5100

Second District: 3481 Fulton Road • (216) 623-5200

Third District: 4501 Chester Avenue • (216) 623-5300

Fourth District: 9333 Kinsman Road • (216) 623-5400

Fifth District: 881 East 152nd Street • (216) 623-5500

Domestic Violence Unit Police Headquarters

1200 Ontario Street – 8th Floor
(216) 623-5828 / (216) 623-5866

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