



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

and **Orders of Protection**

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Warning

**TRIGGER
WARNING**

Make Comments!

COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

Ask Questions!

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize signs of abusive behaviors
- Increase understanding of why victims stay in abusive relationships
- Explore tips to help survivors who are experiencing domestic violence
- Understand the Effectiveness of Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence: Crisis in Tennessee

[YWCA Nashville - DV 101 Presentation \(youtube.com\)](#)

Domestic Violence Statistics

- Every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.
- Studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

Domestic Violence Statistics

- Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a breakup.
- Everyday in the US, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.
- Ninety-two percent of women surveyed listed reducing domestic violence and sexual assault as their top concern.

Domestic Violence Statistics

- Domestic violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work per year in the US alone—the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs.
- The costs of intimate partner violence in the US alone exceed \$5.8 billion per year: \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.
- Men who as children witnessed their parents' domestic violence were twice as likely to abuse their own wives than sons of nonviolent parents.



No Boundaries

DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE

CAN HAPPEN

TO ANYONE



Everyone deserves
relationships free
from domestic violence!

Defining Domestic Violence

To prevent and end domestic violence, we all need to be part of the solution.

Domestic violence is a **pattern** of coercive, controlling behavior that take the form of physical, sexual, financial, and emotional abuse; it has boundaries.



A community safety issue.

A public health epidemic.

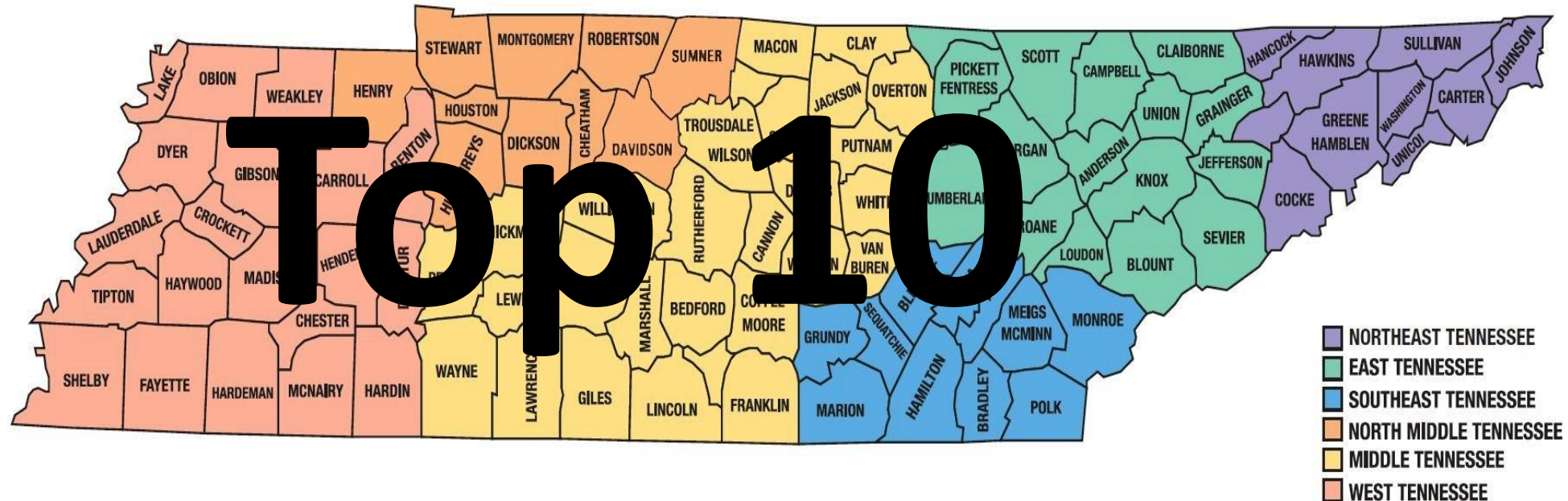
Domestic Abuse Definition

T.C.A. § 36-3-601 (4)

Adults or minors who:

- are current or former spouses
- live together or have done so
- are dating or have dated, or have or have had a sexual relationship
- are related by blood or adoption
- are related or were formerly related by marriage
- adult or minor children of persons involved with above five situations

TENNESSEE - ONE OF THE WORST STATES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Healthy Relationships

People in healthy relationships love and support each other. They help each other practically as well as emotionally. They are there for each other in the good times and the bad times. Healthy relationships are commonly based on:



THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT



In 1994, Congress passed the *Violence Against Women Act* ("VAWA").

This Act recognizes that domestic violence is a national crime and that federal laws can help an overburdened state and local criminal justice system.

Domestic Cycle of Violence

Seduction/Making Peace -

characterized by gifts, reconciliation, physical affection, attention, promises, apologies. "I'm sorry." "It won't happen again." "It will be different this time."

Cycle of Violence

Seduction
Making peace

Love
Hope
Dreams
Possibility
Denial
Fear

Tension Building

Tension Building - a period of increasing pressure, mood swings, irritability, demands and emotional withdrawal. This phase may feel like "walking on eggshells."

Violation/Explosion - when the abusive outbursts occur, not always physical, but extremely painful all the same. Promises broken, threats carried out.

Violation
Explosion

Debbie and Marie

Domestic Violence Protection Act

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-150, effective July 1, 2024

Prior to the defendant's release on bond, the court or magistrate shall:

- (i) Issue a no contact order containing all bond conditions set out in this section that are applicable to the protection of the domestic violence victim;
- (ii) Order the defendant to wear a global positioning monitoring system device as set forth in § 40-11-152(b)(2)

Debbie and Marie Domestic Violence Protection Act

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tennessee-law-gps-tracking-for-domestic-abusers-debbie-sisco-marie-varsos/>

[Man accused of killing girlfriend never got a court ordered ankle monitor, here's why \(wsmv.com\)](#)

Types of

Violence

Common Types of Violence and Abuse

- **Physical Violence** occurs when someone uses a part of their body or an object to control a person's actions.
- **Sexual Violence** occurs when a person is forced to unwillingly take part in sexual activity.
- **Emotional Violence** occurs when someone says or does something to make a person feel stupid or worthless
- **Psychological Violence** occurs when someone uses threats and causes fear in an individual to gain control.
- **Cultural Violence** occurs when an individual is harmed as a result of practices that are part of her or his culture, religion or tradition.
- **Verbal Abuse** occurs when someone uses language, whether spoken or written, to cause harm to an individual.
- **Financial Abuse** occurs when someone controls an individual's financial resources without the person's consent or misuses those resources.
- **Spiritual (or religious) violence** occurs when someone uses an individual's spiritual beliefs to manipulate, dominate or control that person.
- **Neglect** occurs when someone has the responsibility to provide care or assistance for an individual but does not.
- **Stalking Violence** occurs when unwanted and/or repeated surveillance by an individual or group toward another person.



Generational Violence

“Every single one of our participants has reported witnessing and or surviving violence before committing it for the first time, and most have reported ongoing experiences of surviving harm interwoven with their experience of causing it.”

Vera Institute of Justice

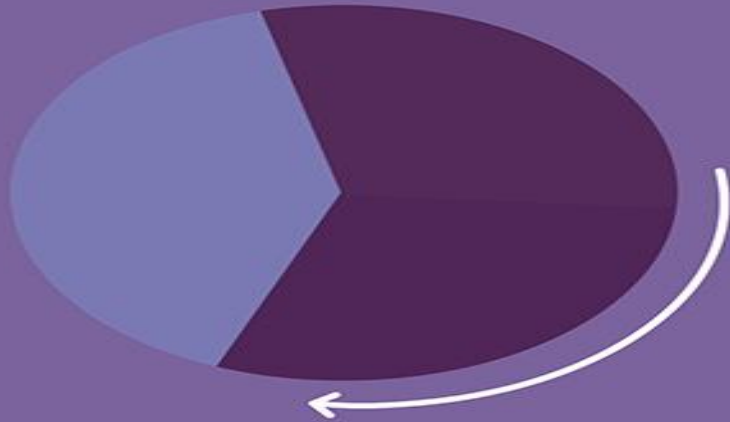


DOMESTIC ABUSE



Affects
children Too!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IMPACTS THE ENTIRE FAMILY



30-60%

**of Intimate Partner Violence
cases also include child abuse.**

*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute
American Academy of Pediatrics*

275 MILLION CHILDREN

**are currently exposed to domestic
violence world-wide.**

UNICEF - "Behind Closed Doors: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children"





**Generational Violence =
Generational Trauma**



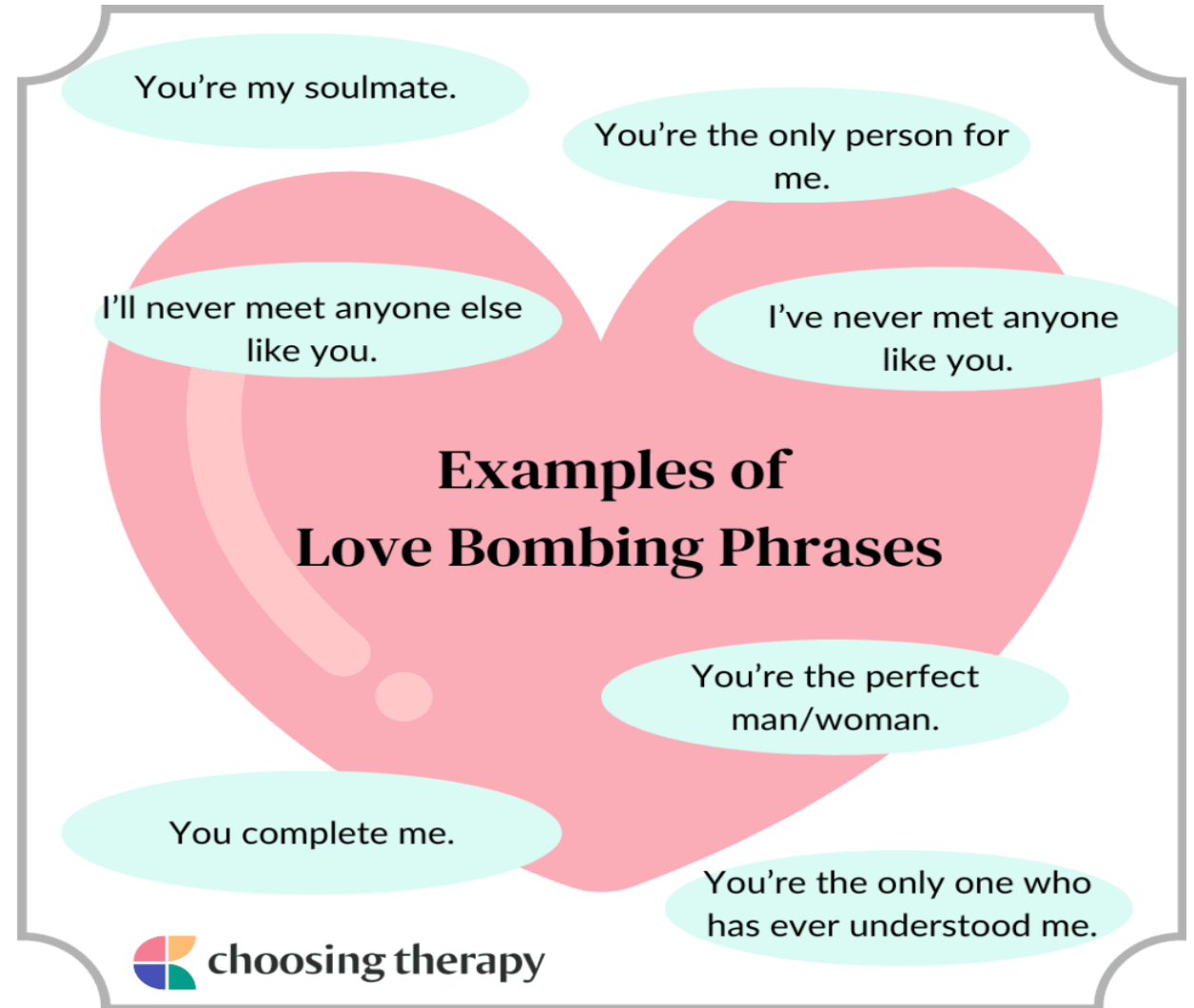
Domestic Violence Language

Love bombing

Love bombing is an attempt to influence a person by demonstrations of attention and affection.

It can be used in different ways and for either positive or negative purposes.

Psychologists have identified love bombing as a possible part of a cycle of abuse and have warned against it.



Domestic Violence Language

WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?

You're overreacting.

You need help.

I didn't do that.

You're upset over nothing.

You must be confused again.

Just calm down.

You're so dramatic.

I never said that.

Why are you so defensive?

What are you talking about?

It's your fault.

You're so sensitive.

You twist things.

I never said that.

Stop imagining things

I was just joking.

Gaslighting

WHAT IS GASLIGHTING?

When someone intentionally twists your perception of reality for their own gain.

OR

...manipulating someone into questioning their own perception of reality.

The expression, which derives from the title of the 1944 film *Gaslight*, became popular in the mid-2010s.

Can Domestic Violence be Prevented?

All forms of intimate partner violence are preventable.

Strategies to promote healthy, respectful, and nonviolent relationships are an important part of prevention.



Why Do Men Abuse Women?

- Learned Behavior: Home, Community, School, Culture
- Because they can...risks do not outweigh the rewards
- Male privilege

Why Abuse Happens

Society says its OK – Society has not held batterers accountable.

It Works – The victim is so terrorized that victim will say or do anything to survive.

It's a Choice – Batterer chooses to use violence to control intimate partners, children and other family members.

NO EXCUSES!

No action excuses a person hurting someone else.

Violence and abuse are never the victim's fault.

We are bombarded with victim-blaming myths and attitudes in our society, and they can sink in...deeply.

Most Dangerous Time for Victims

- 75% of domestic homicides occur when the victim is in the process of leaving or has left the batterer.



*On average, women make **seven** attempts to leave an abuser before permanently ending the relationship.

*Almost **one-third of female homicide victims** that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.

When are the Most Dangerous Times for Victims?

- When a victim is attempting to leave.
- When a victim is pregnant.
- When a victim is filing divorce papers, order of protection, etc.



I DON'T
HAVE MONEY
FOR A LAWYER

HE ALWAYS
TELLS ME
IT'S MY
FAULT

I WANT MY KIDS
TO HAVE A DAD

I'VE ONLY EVER
SEEN ABUSIVE
RELATIONSHIPS

THERE ARE
SOME GOOD
TIMES

HE
THREATENS
ME

"WHY DOESN'T
SHE JUST LEAVE?"

NOBODY WILL
BELIEVE ME

MY RELIGION
EXPECTS ME TO
STAY MARRIED

HE CONTROLS
ALL FINANCES

I'M SCARED
HE WILL
TRY TO
HURT ME

HE CONTROLS MY
IMMIGRATION
STATUS

I JUST
HOPE
HE WILL
STOP

Leaving is a process, not an event!

Did you know?

- * **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- * An estimated 5.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.
- * 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- * Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.
- * Females who are **20-24 years of age** are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- * Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.
- * 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner.



Domestic Violence Statistics in the LGBTQIA+ Community



Rape, physical assault, or stalking:
← Lesbian women: 43.8 %
Bisexual women: 61.1 % →

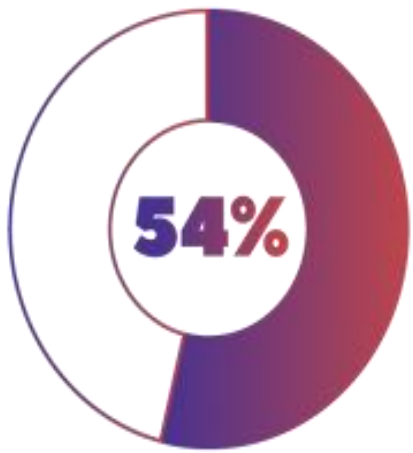


26%:
Men who called the
police after experiencing
near-lethal partner violence



<5%:
LGBTQ+ domestic violence
victims seek protective orders
from the court

11 % of reported LGBTQ+ intimate violence
cases involved the use of a weapon



Black Women
have experience
psychological abuse

9.6%

have been **raped**



40% have experienced **physical abuse**

17%

have experienced
sexual abuse
(other than rape)

3X

HIGHER

the rate of Black women
being killed by a man
compared to white women



91% of Black women killed by men
knew their killers

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

34.4% of Latinas have experienced domestic violence at some point in their lives.



Why Do Women Stay in Abusive Relationships?

- Economic Dependence
- Children and Fear of Loss of Children
- Empty Promises of Change
- No Place to Go/Lack of Knowledge of Resources
- Societal Attitudes
- Traditional Value System
- Isolation
- Fear of Death

Why Do Women Stay in Abusive Relationships?

Beyond the physical risks of leaving an abusive relationship, there are countless other reasons why people stay in their relationships.

Survivors deserve to be supported in their decision-making and empowered to reclaim control over their own lives—no matter the circumstances.



- Domestic violence-related police calls make up the single largest category of calls received by police... more than 50%!
- Responding to domestic calls are the most dangerous for Police Officers.
- 40% of police officers deaths are related to domestic violence calls

Why Domestic Violence Goes Unreported

Domestic violence often goes unreported due to emotional abuse, mental abuse, fear, and lack of financial resources.

When the domestic abuse goes unreported:

- The domestic violence continues without any consequences to the abuser
- The victim doesn't get any potential help and resources
- It becomes normalized

Economic Impact on DV in Tennessee

The tangible costs of domestic violence annually in Tennessee have been estimated to be as much as **\$151 million:** (conservative estimates, given that incidents often go unreported)

\$27M: Costs to social services system

\$50M: Costs to legal system

\$33M: Direct medical costs

\$41M: Lost wages, productivity, sick leave, and absenteeism



Orders of Protection

A photograph of a courtroom interior. The room features wood-paneled walls and a high ceiling with several ornate chandeliers. Large windows with horizontal blinds are on the left side. In the center, there is a judge's bench with an American flag and a state flag behind it. A circular seal is mounted on the wall above the bench. In the foreground, there are several rows of blue upholstered chairs facing the bench. A long wooden table with black chairs is on the left. The text "Orders of Protection" is overlaid in white on a purple background across the center of the image.

What is an OP?

- A **legal document signed by the court** that forbids the Respondent from contacting or coming around the Petitioner for any reason
- A **civil procedure**
- Can result in **immediate warrantless arrest/criminal charges** for behavior that wouldn't normally be considered criminal
- Can be granted for up to **1 year** and extended beyond that*

Who Can File for an OP?

- Parties who are **dating, have dated, or have had sex**
- Parties who are **married, have been married, or have children together**
- Parties who are **related by blood, marriage, or adoption**
- Parties who **have lived together**
- A person who has been **sexually assaulted** by the Respondent
- A person who has been **stalked** by the Respondent

OPs & Minors?

Who can file on behalf of a Minor:

- A parent or guardian
- Caseworker
- Guardian ad litem
- Dept. of Children's Services

Under an OP

An abuser can be ordered **not to**:



Threaten/frighten/abuse the victim, children, or pets



Interfere with the victim's utilities



Contact victim or children by any means



Own or possess firearms



Come around the victim or children

Under an OP

A Petitioner **can** request:



Temporary custody of the children and/or pets



For the Respondent to pay child support, alimony, and/or part or all of the household bills



For the Respondent to immediately move out of the shared home



Cell phone lines to be separated

OP Legal Rules

- No fee to file
- No statute of limitations on abuse, but should be filed ASAP
- Not required to file police report
- If divorce filed, OP will remain in effect through divorce proceedings and/or until court modifies or dissolves order
- OPs are valid and enforceable throughout entire US

Additional Information

- **Costs:** No initial fee for a petition to the court for any action on an order of protection.

The court may only assess all court costs against the petitioner if the court finds:

- Petitioner is not a victim
- Determination is not based on petitioners request to dismiss the order; failure to attend hearing; incorrectly filling out the petition **AND**
- Petitioner knew that the allegations were false at the time petition was filed.

New Lifetime OP

- Still very new
- Can't be e-filed, must be filed in person with paper copies
- Would be in effect until the death of the Respondent
- "Victim" means either the person directly affected/targeted **OR** an immediate family member of a minor victim or homicide victim
- Qualifying felony offenses: assault, criminal homicide, kidnapping, sexual offenses

Temporary Order of Protection - Lifetime
(Ex Parte Order of Protection - Lifetime)
Pursuant to T.C.A. § 36-3-627

Case # (the clerk fills this in):

In the _____ Court of _____ County, TN

Petitioner (person needing protection)

first middle last

Petitioner's Children Under 18 that Petitioner believes are in need of protection:

Name	Age	Relationship to Respondent	Name	Age	Relationship to Respondent
1. _____			3. _____		
2. _____			4. _____		

Check All Applicable:

☐ Petitioner is under 18 and this Petition is being filed on behalf of an unemancipated person (someone under 18 years of age) pursuant to TCA §36-3-627(b).

☐ This request is being made by a parent or guardian of the Petitioner.

Name: _____

☐ This request is being made by caseworker at a not-for-profit organization that receives funds pursuant to TCA Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 2 for family violence and child abuse prevention and shelters and TCA § 36-3-627(b).

Name: _____

Respondent's Information (person you want to be protected from):

first middle last date of birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

street address city state zip

Respondent's Employer: _____
Employer's name Employer's phone #

Describe Respondent:

Sex	Race	Hair	Eyes	Height - Weight - SSN - Other																				
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This is a Court Order

New Elder/Vulnerable Adult Abuse OP

- Cannot e-file, must be filed in person with paper copy
- Any relative/conservator/attorney/law enforcement can file on behalf of client

Temporary Order of Protection (Ex Parte Order of Protection) for Elderly or Vulnerable Adult Pursuant to T.C.A. §71-6-124

Case # (the clerk fills this in):

In the _____ Court of _____ County, TN

Petitioner (person needing protection)

first middle last DOB: _____

Check if Applicable:

☐ This request is being made by a relative of the Petitioner pursuant to TCA §71-6-124(a)(1)(A)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

☐ This request is being made by Conservator of the Petitioner pursuant to TCA §71-6-124(a)(1)(A)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

☐ This request is being made by agent of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) pursuant to TCA §71-6-124(a)(1)(A)

Name: _____ Title: _____

☐ This request is being made by a designated agency or assignee of the relative, or the Conservator of the Petitioner or by TCAD pursuant to TCA §71-6-124(a)(1)(A)

Name: _____ Agency or Assignee: _____

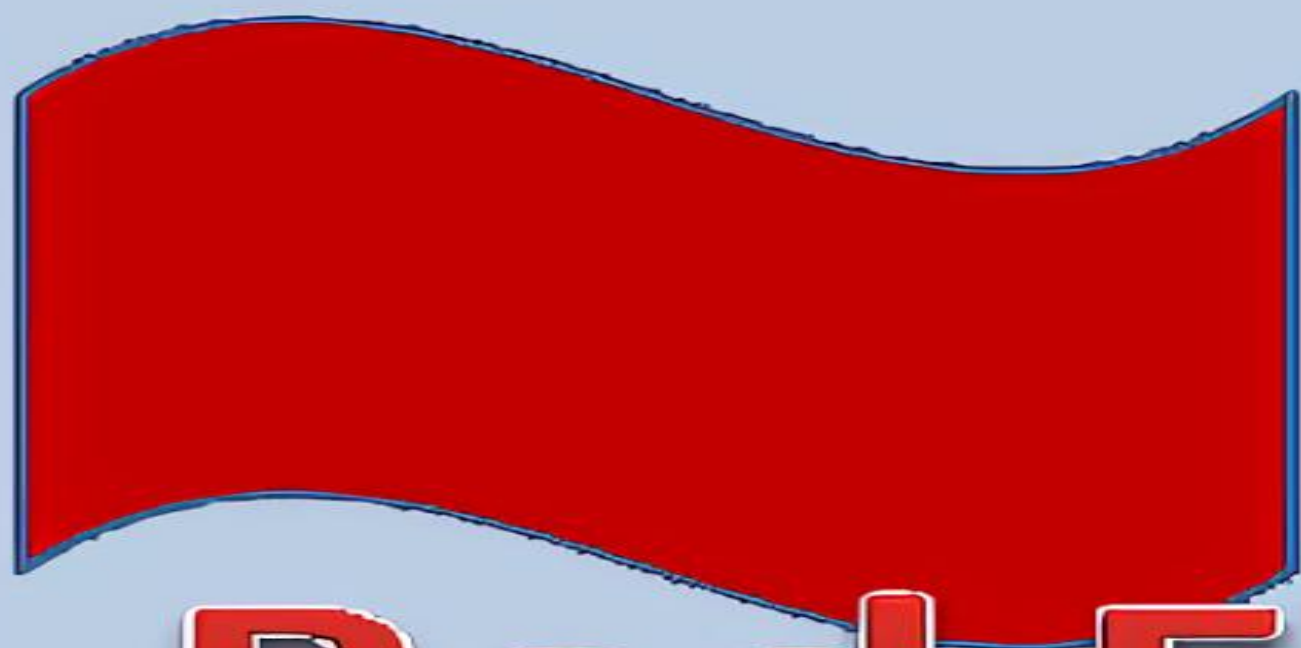
☐ This request is being made by Attorney Ad Litem of the Petitioner pursuant to TCA §71-6-124(a)(1)(A)

Name: _____ BPR #: _____

☐ This request is being made by a law enforcement officer pursuant to TCA §71-6-124(a)(1)(D)

Name: _____ Law Enforcement Agency: _____

This is a Court Order



Red Flag Warning

WARNING SIGNS of Abuser

Unpredictable Behavior

Accuses Victim of Cheating

Unrealistic Expectations

Pressures dating mate to move fast in a relationship or pushes for immediate commitment.

Sudden Mood Swings

Isolates Victim

Uses Force During an Argument

Minimizes or Denies Abuse

Past History of Battering

Uses Force During Sex

Extreme Jealousy

Blames Others

Controlling Behavior

Verbally Abusive

Blames the Victim

Won't Allow Victim Have
Access to Finances

Cruel to Children or Animals

WARNING SIGNS of Victim

Physical Signs of Injury

Feels Hopeless

Abusive Toward Others

Makes Excuses for Abuser

Self-Medicates

Doesn't have access to finances

Neglects Self or Children

Blames Self

Suffers from Anxiety

Isolated from Family
and Friends

Depression

Low Self-Esteem

Suffers from PTS

She Feels
Emotionally
Trapped



#1



She Has
Nowhere
Else to Live

#2



She Doesn't
Want to Break
Up the Family

#3

She still
loves the
abuser



#10



She Believes
He'll Change

#4

She is afraid to
leave because of
lack of money



#9



She Fears
Her Abuser

#5

She May Not
Realize
It's Abuse



#8



She Believes
She Provokes It

#7



She Lacks
Support of
Family
and Friends

#6

Why Abused Women Stay in Abusive Relationships



tennessee
coalition
to end domestic & sexual violence



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HOW YOU CAN HELP



It takes courage for a survivor of sexual assault or domestic violence to share their story with anyone.

Never underestimate your power to affect the course of a survivor's healing journey.

You don't have to be an expert—you just have to be yourself. Although you can't take away what happened to someone, you can be a source of comfort.

Six Steps to Support a Survivor

1. Listen Attentively
2. Validate
3. Ask what more you can do to help
4. Know where to point someone to for more help
5. Keep an open heart
6. Care for yourself

Six Steps to Support a Survivor

1. Listen Attentively

Sometimes you don't even need words (or at least not a lot of words), to be there for someone.

Many survivors share that being able to tell their story to someone else lessens the weight of isolation, secrecy, and self-blame.

Did you know listening is in and of itself an act of compassion?

Six Steps

to Support a Survivor

2. Validate

- “The responsibility is on the person who hurt you.”
- “I’m so sorry this happened to you.”
- “I believe you.”
- “You’re not alone. I’m here for you and I’m glad you told me.”
- “This is not your fault.”
- “No one ever has the right to hurt you.”
- “Nothing you did or could’ve done differently makes this your fault.”
- “I know that it can feel like you did something wrong, but you didn’t.”
- “I promise, you didn’t ask for this.”

Six Steps

to Support a Survivor

3. Ask what more you can do to help

Remember, violence and abuse is about power and control.

It is vital for survivors to regain their sense of personal power.

Instead of pushing someone into taking actions for which they are not ready, ask how you can support them.

Six Steps

to Support a Survivor

4. Know where to point someone to for more help

You can best help a survivor by offering options and leaving space for them to decide where to go from there.

- **Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network Sexual Assault Hotline**

1.800.656.4673 | www.rainn.org

- **National Child Abuse Hotline**

1.800.422.4453 | www.childhelp.org

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

1.800.799.7233 | www.ndvh.org

- **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline**

1.866.331.9474 | www.loveisrespect.org



Six Steps to Support a Survivor

5. Keep an open heart

Remind a survivor you are available should they like to talk about their experiences further. The healing journey can be a long one.

It can be full of many challenging—but sometimes joyful and liberating—conversations.

It can make a big difference for a survivor to know you are there to support them along the way.

Six Steps

to Support a Survivor

6. Care for yourself

The stories of someone else's hardships related to a traumatic event can impact or become a part of us.

You cannot be your best self in your supportive role if you find yourself too tired to listen with care and compassion or you are overfilled with your own emotions in response to another's trauma.

Hand Signal for Help



1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb



2. Trap thumb

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

HOTLINE



1-800-799-7233



Any
Questions





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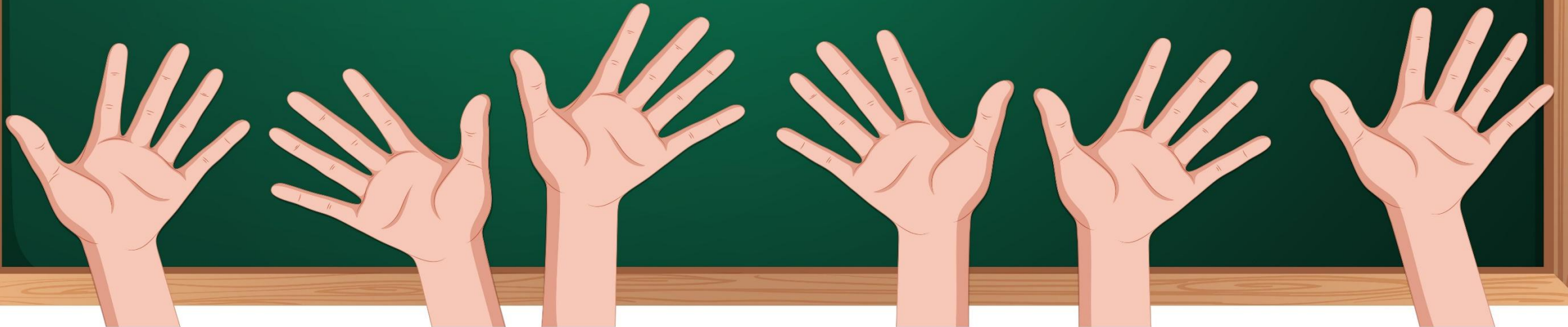
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THANK
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1. Ask if they're safe or need someone to talk to.
2. Explain that free, confidential help is available help for victims and their children at local domestic violence programs.
3. Understand and respect that for various reasons some victims and survivors may not want the police to become involved.
4. Document. Keep good records of any and all dialogue with survivors.

Resources

There are 53 organizations in Tennessee that provide domestic violence services at some level.

Tennessee Coalition to End
Domestic and Sexual Violence

615-386-9406



To prevent and end domestic violence, as a society we need to acknowledge and understand that victims never deserve, nor should be blamed for, the abuse they endure—abusers are skilled at using power and control over their victims.

We have a responsibility to speak up and out against unhealthy relationship behaviors and to support victims and survivors in restoring safety and autonomy.

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Help with a Safety Plan

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Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs)

Everyone deserves
relationships free
from domestic violence!

Understanding the Impact of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence

CHALLENGES

Almost half of law enforcement calls are related to domestic violence.

From March to July 2020, MNPd received more than 10,000 domestic violence calls.

The FBI reports that a woman is battered every 12 seconds in this country.

Three to four million women are physically abused each year. Many of the abused women are beaten as frequently as once a month, once a week, or even daily.

- signs of domestic violence,
- how we can support the person,
- how to engage when they are not open to admitting DV,
- How to assess and limited resources, etc.
- The seven counties we serve are Wayne, Marshall, Moore, Jackson, Fentress, Van Buren, and Warren.
- And then at the opposite side of that, we are struggling to support those participants who have been asked to complete batterers intervention and where we can send them.

2019 Top 10 STATE RANKINGS

Violence Policy Center

Ranking	State	Number of Female Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000 Females
1	Alaska	18	5.14
2	New Mexico	20	2.64
3	Nevada		2.28
4	New Hampshire		2.19
5	Louisiana		2.18
6	South Carolina		2.15
7	Missouri		2.05
8	Oklahoma	37	1.85
9	Arkansas	28	1.82
10	Tennessee	60	1.72

TOP 10



WARNING SIGNS

Embarrass you with put-downs?

Control what you do, who you see or talk to or where you go?

Act in ways that scare you?

Push, slap, choke or hit you?

Control the money in your relationship?

Make all the decisions?

Prevent you from working or going to class?

Act like the abuse is no big deal, deny the abuse or tell you it's your fault?

Threaten to hurt himself or herself?

Destroy property, abuse or threaten to abuse or kill pets?





Time for
a BREAK

How to Engage When Victims Do Not Admit Being Abused

Certificate

Certificates will be available
upon completion of the survey.



WARNING SIGNS

<https://youtu.be/6iHCQMamcM8>



Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

2020 Crime in TN Report

- **69,385** number of domestic calls responded to by police
 - **98** domestic violence murders
 - 45,854 Simple assaults
 - 11,140 Aggravated Assaults
 - 8,453 Intimidation Cases
 - 856 Stalking Cases
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- 2019 – **44,382** number of domestic calls responded to by police
 - **85** domestic violence murders





WARNING SIGNS of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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