Victim Services

Harris County Constable Precinct 6
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For all emergencies, dial: **911**
Non-emergency: **713-274-3400**

Notice to Adult Victims of Family Violence

It is a crime for any person to intentionally cause you any harm, even if that person is a member of your household. It is important that you tell the deputy if you or any other household resident have been injured, or if you feel you are going to be in danger after the deputy leaves.

Your Rights as a Victim of Violent Crime

As defined in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 56, Subchapter A, Crime Victims' Rights, a victim of a violent crime is someone who:

1. has suffered bodily injury or death as a result of criminally injurious conduct, or who has been the victim of a crime involving sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery;
2. is the close relative (spouse, parent, brother, sister, or adult child) of a victim; or
3. is the guardian of a victim.

As a victim of violent crime, you have the following rights:

- The right to receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts.
- The right to have the magistrate take your safety and that of your family into consideration when bail is being considered.
- The right, if you so request, to be informed of relevant court proceedings, of court proceedings that have been canceled or rescheduled, and of appellate proceedings.
- The right, if you so request, to information from the prosecutor's office about procedures in the criminal investigation of your case by law enforcement officials and about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea bargaining, restitution, appeals, and parole.
- The right to receive information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation fund, which provides financial assistance to victims of violent crimes, and, if you so request, referral to available social service agencies that may provide additional help.
- The right to provide information to a probation department conducting a pre-sentence investigation on the impact of the crime.

- The right to have a medical health provider pay for medical examinations for victims of sexual assault and, on request, the right to counseling regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for sexual assault victims.
- If you so request, the right to be notified of parole proceedings by the Victim Services Section of the Pardons and Paroles Division, the right to participate in the parole process by submitting a Victim Impact Statement or other information, and the right to be notified of the inmate's release.
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings, if the presiding judge permits.
- The right to a safe waiting area before and during court proceedings.
- The right to prompt return of any property that is no longer required as evidence.
- If you so request, the right to have the prosecutor notify your employer that the need for your testimony may involve your absence from work.
- The right to complete a Victim Impact Statement detailing the emotional, physical, and financial impact that the crime has had on you and your family, and to have that statement considered by the judge prior to sentencing or entry of a plea bargain, and by the parole board prior to taking any parole action.

What Should You Do Next?

- **Request an Emergency Protective Order (EPO).** This order can be requested through the District Attorney's Family Criminal Law Division at 713-274-0212. If an arrest is not made, call the investigator assigned to the case. This order is valid for up to 90 days.
- **Register through VINE** by calling 1-877-894-8463 or visiting www.vinelink.com. Registration is free and anonymous. VINE is a computer-based telephone program that gives victims of crime information about offender custody status and related court events. See the VINE section below for more details.
- **Apply for a Protective Order if necessary.** A Protective Order must be issued directly to the offender. It orders the offender to stop committing violence against you, to stay away from you and your family, and to stop any threatening or harassing communication, whether direct or through others. This order can be valid for up to 2 years. See the Legal Resources table in this brochure.
- **Call the Houston Police Department Family Violence Unit** at 713-308-1100 for investigative services.
- **Call the Houston Police Department Victim Services Division** at 713-308-0080 for legal referrals, crisis counseling, U Visa information, and questions about Crime Victims' Compensation.
- **Make a safety plan.** See the Safety Plan section below.

What Is a Protective Order?

A Protective Order is a legal remedy for the use and protection of victims of family violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Family violence means the intentional use or threat of physical force by a member of the family or household. **Family** includes individuals related by blood or marriage, such as spouses, ex-spouses, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, parents, and children. **Household** means a unit composed of persons living together in the same dwelling, whether or not they are related to each other.

A protective order can deter violence and give police and courts additional authority to intervene in family violence, sexual assault, indecent assault, and stalking cases, and to punish those who commit family violence. However, it is not a shield that truly stops the next violent act from occurring.

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)

Call VINE 24 hours a day for information on county jail status and court events. Make Texas VINE part of your safety plan. The suspect or offender will not know you have registered with Texas VINE. However, do not depend on Texas VINE, or any single program, for your protection.

Call toll free: 1-877-894-8463
More information: www.vinelink.com

Safety Plan

Prepare for future incidents

- Plan an escape route out of your home and teach it to your children.
- Have a code word for children, family, and friends to call police.
- Tell children not to get in the middle of violence.
- Talk with professionals about technology safety (computers, cell phones, and similar devices).
- Keep your phone with you at all times and know your location.
- Find a safe place to stay, such as a family member's or friend's house.

If you are sexually assaulted

- As soon as possible, go to a hospital and have a Sexual Assault Kit Examination performed.
- Seeking medical attention will help determine whether you have any injuries, help collect evidence within 120 hours, and test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and pregnancy.
- As time passes, evidence can be destroyed. Try not to change clothing, shower, or bathe.
- Counseling can help you process feelings about the assault and determine your options.

Crime Victims' Compensation

Crime Victims' Compensation is a division of the Texas Attorney General's Office. The program reimburses innocent victims of violent crime for some out-of-pocket expenses they suffer as a result of the crime. Crime Victims' Compensation is available to pay the amount of expense reasonably and necessarily incurred for:

- Medical, counseling, prescription, and rehabilitative services.
- Partial loss of earnings because of a disability resulting from personal injury.
- Childcare for minor children to enable a victim, or the spouse of a deceased victim, to continue employment.
- Funeral and burial expenses.
- Reasonable costs associated with crime scene cleanup.

- Reasonable replacement costs for clothing, bedding, or other property taken as evidence or rendered unusable as a result of the criminal investigation.
- Loss of wages and travel reimbursement due to participation in or attendance at the investigation, prosecutorial, and judicial process.
- Relocation expenses for certain victims of family violence and sexual assault.

Please note: Reimbursement for property damage or loss is not an eligible expense.

How to apply

To submit a claim, a victim or family member must send a Crime Victims' Compensation application to the Texas Attorney General's Office. Applications are available online at texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/crime-victims-compensation.

Mail your application to:

Office of the Attorney General
Crime Victims' Compensation Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Claims Division: 1-800-983-9933

Resource Phone Numbers

Hotlines (24 hours)

Organization	Phone number
All Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency (Precinct 6 Constable)	713-274-3400
Adult and Child Protective Services	800-252-5400
Bay Area Turning Point (South)	281-286-2525
Brazoria County Women's Center	800-243-5788
Crisis Hotline	832-416-1177
Crisis Hotline (Teens)	832-416-1199
Familytime	281-446-2615
Houston Area Women's Center	713-528-2121
HAWC Rape Crisis Line	713-528-7273
Human Trafficking Resource Center	888-373-7888
Katy Christian Ministries	281-693-7273
Montgomery County Women's Center	936-441-4044

Organization	Phone number
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	877-623-3435
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
National Domestic Violence Hotline (TTY)	800-787-3224
Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)	800-656-4673
Star of Hope Mission (Family)	713-222-2220
Star of Hope Mission (Men)	713-227-8900
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (call or text)	988
Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners Center	281-306-6893

General Resources

Organization	Phone number
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	713-224-9911
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters	713-473-2801
Children's Assessment Center	713-986-3300
Casa Juan Diego (Immigrants)	713-869-7376
Covenant House (Ages 18 to 24)	713-523-2231
DAYA	713-981-7645
Family Services of Houston	713-861-4849
Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD	713-970-7000
Houston Volunteer Lawyers	713-228-0732
HPD Victim Services Division	713-308-0080
Mental Health Association	713-522-5161
Mission of Yahweh	713-466-4785
Montrose Center (LGBT) (Main)	713-529-3211
NW Assistance Ministries	281-885-4672
Salvation Army of Houston	713-650-6530
TDCJ Parole Division	713-685-7100

Legal Resources

Organization	Phone number
Attorney General Child Support	800-252-8014

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Victim Compensation	800-983-9933
Harris County District Attorney, Family Criminal Law Division	713-274-0212
Victim Witness Division	713-274-0250
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	713-224-9911
Houston Volunteer Lawyers	713-228-0735
Lone Star Legal Aid	713-652-0077
Immigrant Resource Hotline	833-468-4664

Police Numbers

Agency	Phone number
All Emergencies	911
Deer Park	281-479-1511
Galena Park	713-944-1910
Harris County Sheriff's Office	713-221-6000
Houston Police Department (Main)	713-222-3131
HPD Family Violence Unit	713-308-1100
Jacinto City	713-672-2455
La Porte	281-471-3811
Pasadena	713-477-1221
South Houston	713-944-1910
Precinct 1 Constable's Office	713-755-5200
Precinct 2 Constable's Office	713-477-2766
Precinct 3 Constable's Office	713-274-2500
Precinct 4 Constable's Office	281-446-1196
Precinct 5 Constable's Office	832-927-6700
Precinct 6 Constable's Office	713-274-3400
Precinct 7 Constable's Office	713-643-6118
Precinct 8 Constable's Office	281-488-4040

Online directories

- 211texas.org

- ivss.tdcj.texas.gov/resource-search
- texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims

For Your Records

Precinct 6 incident number: _____

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