

# important numbers

**EMERGENCY: 9-1-1**

**Police Non-emergency: 614-277-1710**

**Crime Prevention: 614-277-1765**

**Anonymous Tipline: 614-277-1808**

**Detective Bureau/Narcotics: 614-277-1750**

# Domestic VIOLENCE



# Grove City

Division of

# POLICE

614-277-1710  
3360 Park Street  
Grove City, OH 43123  
Police.GroveCityOhio.gov



**crime map**

Find your neighborhood's criminal activity on the Crime Mapping tool at [Police.GroveCityOhio.gov](http://Police.GroveCityOhio.gov).

*The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all, by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.*

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## Response and Intervention Referral

If you or someone you know becomes a victim of domestic violence, contact the local police department immediately. In Grove City you can call the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710, or in an emergency call 9-1-1. Family, friends, and/or officers of the Grove City Division of Police may provide the first lines of communication necessary to assist a victim in breaking the cycle of violence. Grove City police officers responding to calls of domestic violence will follow the guidelines adopted by the State of Ohio, including a policy of preferred arrest: for offenders, and will arrest offenders when probable cause exists. Offenders who have fled prior to police arrival shall be subjected to immediate issuance of an arrest warrant.

## Referral

As a member of the Grove City Division of Police, my goal is to provide intervention support.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My badge number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Call for Service/Incident Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Shelter & Victim's Advocacy

You may contact the following agencies and offices for additional information:

### City of Columbus "Domestic Violence Stalking Unit"

375 S. High Street, 17th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215 .....614-645-6232

### Choices

Address confidential.....614-224-4663

### Franklin County Victim Witness Assistance Unit

373 S. High Street, 14th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215 .....614-645-3555

### YWCA Family Center

900 Harvey Court  
Columbus, OH 43219 .....614-253-3910

## Domestic Violence

The Grove City Division of Police recognizes the problems and complexities of domestic violence and offers victims support through intervention and assistance.

## The Cycle of Violence

It is important to remember that not all domestic violence relationships fit the cycle. Often, as time passes, the 'making-up' and 'calm' stages disappear.

Source: domesticviolence.org.

### Tension Building

- Abuser begins to get angry
- Abuse may begin
- Breakdown of communication
- Victim feels the need to keep the abuser calm
- Victim feels they are walking on egg shells

### Incident

- Any type of abuse may occur (physical, sexual or emotional)

### Making-Up

Abuser may:

- Apologize for abuse
- Promise it will never happen again
- Blame the victim for causing the abuse
- Deny abuse took place or say it was not as bad as the victim claims

### Calm

- Abuser acts like the abuse never happened
- Physical abuse may dissipate
- Promises made during "making-up" may be met
- Victim may hope the abuse is over
- Abuser may give gifts to victim



## Victims of Domestic Violence Often Exhibit:

- Low self-esteem
- Economic or emotional dependence on the abuser
- Anxiety, depression and fear
- Coping mechanisms of compliance to avoid violence
- Minimization of the severity of violence
- Isolation from family and friends
- Unexplained injuries
- Feelings of responsibility for actions of abuser

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

Source: National Violence Against Women Survey.

## Domestic Violence is a Crime

The Ohio Revised Code provides penalties for assaults or threats of assaults occurring between family or household members. No person shall:

- Knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member
- Recklessly cause serious physical harm to a family member or household member
- Knowingly cause by threat of force a family or household member to believe that the offender will cause imminent physical harm to the family or household member



## What Does an Abuser Look Like?

It may be hard to identify a domestic violence offender. Abusers may exhibit these characteristics:

- Appear smooth and charming in public
- Overly attentive and concerned about victim
- Abuse of drugs or alcohol
- Erratic work patterns
- Explosive temper
- Excessive jealousy
- Minimize the severity of the abuse
- Low self-esteem
- Control of one or all of the victim's money, friends, time or image

## Protection Orders

Protection is available to victims in the form of protection orders. Criminal Temporary Protection Orders are requested by law enforcement and Civil Protection Orders are requested by individuals.

**A Criminal Temporary Protection Order (TPO)** can be issued by a Franklin County Municipal Court Judge with an order to leave the victim alone until the criminal case is resolved. Violation of a TPO is a criminal offense and should be immediately reported to the police. The victim must petition the court for a TPO. This may be done by contacting the City of Columbus "Domestic Violence Stalking Unit" at 614-645-6232.

**A Civil Protection Order (CPO)** may be granted by a Franklin County Domestic Relations Court Judge upon petition. The CPO also orders the offender to leave the victim alone usually for a set amount of time, up to five years. Although you are not required to have an attorney file a CPO petition, obtaining legal representation is highly recommended. If you cannot afford an attorney, you can contact The Legal Aid Society of Columbus at 614-224-8374, for information on low cost or free legal assistance.