

Relationship Violence

Resources Available

Facts

- ❖ Within the United States, 1 out of every 4 American women will experience violence by an intimate partner sometime during her lifetime. ~Tjaden & Thoennes, 1999
- ❖ Women are at their greatest risk of being abused by an intimate partner between the ages of 16 to 24. ~Rennison, 2001
- ❖ Domestic violence occurs within same-sex relationships with the same statistical frequency as in heterosexual relationships. The prevalence of domestic violence among gay and lesbian couples is approximately 25-33%. ~Barnes, 1998

Is your relationship abusive?

- ✓ Does your partner's temper scare you?
- ✓ Are you afraid to disagree with your partner?
- ✓ Do you apologize for your partner's behavior when you are treated badly?
- ✓ Have you been hit, kicked, shoved, or had things thrown at you?
- ✓ Do you not see friends or family or do things because of your partner's jealousy?
- ✓ Have you been forced to have sex?
- ✓ Does your partner regularly accuse you of flirting?
- ✓ Are you frightened by your partner's violence?

If you answered yes to any of these questions your relationship may be abusive.

Tubman Family Alliance
3111 First Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55408
(612) 825-0000
{Hennepin County}

Domestic Abuse Project
204 West Franklin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404
(612) 874-7063
{Hennepin County}

Hennepin County Domestic Abuse Service Center
A-level 022 (Lower Level)
Hennepin County Government Center
300 South Sixth Street
(612) 348-6260

St. Paul Intervention Project
1509 Marshall Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104
(651) 645-2824
{Ramsey County}

University Police
Business Line: (612) 624-3550
Emergency: 911

Free Escort Service
University of Minnesota
(612) 624-WALK

Fairview University Medical Center
Harvard St. at East River Rd.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 273-3000

Boynton Mental Health
University of Minnesota
(612) 624-1444

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Legal Advocacy Resources



**The Aurora Center for
Advocacy & Education**
University of Minnesota
Office for Student Affairs
410 Church St. SE
407 Boynton Health Service
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Our Services

The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education offers 24-hour crisis advocacy for victims/survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. As part of this commitment, The Aurora Center is able to provide legal advocacy services to those who qualify for a restraining order.

Relationship Violence

- We provide advocacy through our 24-hour crisis line and walk-in hours from 8am-4:30pm M- F
- Counseling referrals or safe housing referrals
- Legal advocacy for Hennepin and Ramsey county
 - Prepare restraining orders on-site (OFP and Harassment Orders)
 - Accompaniment to court proceedings
 - Secure transportation to and from court
- Student Judicial Affairs Advocacy
 - Advocacy/support in making a Student Judicial Report
 - Advocacy/support at hearing(s)
- Accompany to and support during the filing of a police report

Sexual Assault

- We provide advocacy through our 24-hour crisis line and walk-in hours from 8am-4:30pm M- F
- Provide support group and counseling referrals
- Accompany to hospital or emergency room for exam
- Accompany to and support during the filing of a police report
- Assistance in withdrawing from classes and/or retaining financial aid
- Assist in obtaining accommodation with instructors for missed or upcoming assignments and exams

*There are two types of Restraining Orders; Orders for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders.

Order for Protection

What is relationship violence?

- ❖ According to Minnesota law, relationship violence includes bodily harm, or the fear of bodily harm, or terroristic threats or criminal sexual conduct between family members, household members, and significant romantic or sexual relationships. Relationship violence can also be as subtle as a look that you feel is threatening, isolation from your friends, or constantly belittling your looks, actions, etc.

What is an Order for Protection?

- ❖ Minnesota Statute 518B.01
- ❖ An order for protection (OFP) is a court order forbidding the Respondent (the alleged abusing party) from physically harming the Petitioner (person seeking the OFP) or any minor children in the home, or causing fear of immediate physical harm. The OFP can also order the Respondent not to have any contact with the Petitioner and/or remove the Respondent from the home.
- ❖ The Petitioner first obtains an Ex Parte* temporary order that is effective until the scheduled court hearing. The court then meets with both parties to determine if the temporary order should be extended for up to one year.

Do I qualify?

Yes, if:

- You and the Respondent live or have lived together, OR
- You have a child in common, OR
- You are related by blood, OR
- You have a significant romantic or sexual relationship

AND

- There has been a recent incident of domestic abuse

Harassment Order

What is harassment?

- ❖ Harassment is defined as repeated, intrusive, or unwanted acts, words or gestures, that are intended to adversely affect the safety, security, or privacy of another, regardless of the relationship between the alleged perpetrator and the intended target.

What is a Harassment Restraining Order?

- ❖ Minnesota Statute 609.748
- ❖ A Harassment Restraining Order is a court order forbidding the Respondent from harassing and/or making contact with the Petitioner and/or any minor children in the home.
- ❖ The Petitioner first obtains an Ex Parte order*. A hearing is not required, but may be requested by the Petitioner, Judge, or Respondent. If a hearing is requested by any party the court will schedule the hearing, contact both parties and the Ex Parte order will remain in effect until the hearing. If no hearing is requested by any party the Ex Parte order is in effect for up to two years.
~Harassment orders cannot remove the respondent from your home if you live together.
- ❖ Petitioners may request: no contact with the Respondent (including via third person, phone, work, e-mail etc.); no harassment; stay away from petitioner's home or workplace; other specific kinds of relief may be considered.

Do I qualify?

Yes, if:

- You are being harassed, AND
- You have the full name of the person who is harassing you, OR
- You have been sexually assaulted.

* An Ex Parte order is an order awarded by a judge solely based on the narrative of the Petitioner.