



UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Victim & Domestic Violence RESOURCE GUIDE

There is no excuse for abusive behavior.

You are not alone, and you have options.
There are services to support and help you.

CASE INFORMATION

UTAPD Case Number: _____

Court Name, Phone Number, and Address:

Understanding Domestic Violence

What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of aggressive or abusive behavior used to gain control and power over a cohabitant or intimate partner. It is important to remember that anyone — regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, or gender — can become the target of an abuser.

Abuse Types

- Physical Violence — an attempt or act that causes physical harm to another through physical force.
- Sexual Violence — using force or attempted force to make a partner engage in a non-consensual sexual act or touching. This includes non-physical sexual acts such as sexting.
- Stalking — a series of unwanted or repeated contact or attempted contact by a partner that results in fear or concern for a person's safety, or the safety of someone close to them.
- Psychological — any form of communication intended to cause mental or emotional harm and/or gain or maintain control over an individual. This can include financial control.

Who Is a Cohabitant?

A complete definition of cohabitant can be found in Utah State Code 78B-7-102. Generally, a cohabitant is an individual who is 16 years or older, and is or was previously the spouse, or living as if the spouse, of another person. Cohabitants also include individuals related by blood or marriage, a roommate, siblings, stepsiblings, or foster siblings (18 years or older), or individuals who have had one or more children together or have engaged in a consensual sexual relationship.

Who Is a Domestic Violence Victim?

A victim is any person who is a cohabitant and has been subjected to domestic violence.

Safety Planning

Victim's services can help you develop a safety plan which may lower the risk of being harmed by an abuser. Safety planning is an on-going process, and you should evaluate and change it as needed.

Safety Considerations

- Get out! Avoid areas without an exit or means of escape.
- Get somewhere safe! Coordinate with friends, neighbors, or family members who can provide a safe place to go. Do not share the location with the abuser.
- Do not share your plans to leave with the abuser — when leaving an abusive partner, danger often increases.
- Pack a bag that includes necessities, important documents, and financial materials; store it somewhere safe.
- Talk to your neighbors — ask them to report anything suspicious and to call the police if they see the abuser.
- Notify schools and clarify who has the authority to pick up children.

An arrest is not a guarantee of safety; arrested parties can be released on bond or by other means.

Protective Orders

A protective order is a legal document issued by Utah's District Courts to help prevent continued abuse. It can prohibit an abuser from having direct or indirect contact with you, and order them to stay away from your residence, place of employment, schools, or other relevant locations. Matters of child custody and visitation can be addressed on a temporary basis.

There is no cost to obtain a protective order.

Helpful Information When Filing a Petition

- Names and addresses of the persons and places the abuser should be prohibited from contacting or visiting.
- All available police agency and case number information for open and past investigations involving the abuser.
- Your identification documents to satisfy notarization of the petition.

An application for a protective order may be completed online using the Utah Courts MyPaperwork website: utcourts.gov/en/self-help/services/mycase/mypaperwork.html

District Court Locations to Apply for a Protective Order

Second District Court (Ogden) 2525 Grant Ave. Ogden, UT 84401 (801) 395-1079

Second District Court (Farmington) 800 W State St. Farmington, UT 84025 (801) 447-3800

Third District Court (Salt Lake City) 450 S State St. Salt Lake City, UT 84111 (801) 238-7170

Third District Court (Tooele) 74 S 100 East #14 Tooele, UT 84074 (435) 833-8000

Third District Court (Park City) 6300 Justice Center Rd. Park City, UT 84098 (435) 615-4300

Fourth District Court (Provo) 137 Freedom Blvd, 200 West, Provo, UT 84601 (801) 429-1000

Child Protective Orders

A protective order may be filed on behalf of a child who has suffered abuse or is in imminent danger of being abused. An application for a child protective order can be filed through juvenile court after a referral has been made to the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

Utah Division of Child and Family Services (801) 488-2620

Jail Release Agreement (JRA)

Utah Code 78B-7-802 — A person who has been arrested or issued a citation for a domestic violence related offense must sign a JRA. A JRA is an order prohibiting the abuser from:

- Having personal contact with you.
- Threatening or harassing you.
- Knowingly entering your residence or any premise temporarily occupied by you.

A violation of the JRA is a separate crime. A JRA expires at midnight on the day the suspect appears in court. You may request a pre-trial protective order to continue to extend the conditions of the JRA.

Victims have the option of waiving certain conditions of a JRA.

Firearm Safekeeping — HB 199 Safe Harbor Law

The Safe Harbor law allows adults to contact their local police department if someone they live with is a danger to themselves or others, and request that firearms in the residence be temporarily removed.

Victim Services & Resources

You do not have to go through this difficult time alone. There are individuals and organizations available to help you. There are many services in Utah created to assist survivors of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Resources

These organizations also provide sexual assault resources.

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition 24/7 hotline (800) 897-5465

YWCA Family Justice Center Crisis Line (801) 537-8600 — Office (801) 236-3370

Utah Victims Legal Clinic (801) 746-1204

Utah Office for Victims of Crime crimevictim.utah.gov

Strong Hearts Native Helpline 24/7 hotline 1-844-7Native (762-8483)

NTVHEAL Helpline 1-(833)-NTV-HEAL — support for Native survivors in crisis

Shelters

YWCA (Salt Lake City) (801) 537-8600

YCC Family Crisis Center (Ogden) (801) 394-3456

Safe Harbor (Kaysville) (801) 444-9161

The Refuge Utah (Orem) (801) 377-5500

Peace House (Park City) (435) 658-4739

Pathways (Tooele) (435) 843-1677

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Dating Violence

Dating violence refers to violent behavior between non-cohabitants who have dated or been involved in a romantic relationship. A victim of dating violence may apply for a Dating Violence Protective Order through the Utah MyPaperwork portal:

utcourts.gov/en/self-help/services/mycase/mypaperwork.html

Stalking

Stalking refers to two or more acts (course of conduct) directed toward a specific individual that causes fear for the individual's safety or emotional distress. Victims of these crimes may apply for a Dating Violence Protective Order or Stalking Injunction through the same Utah MyPaperwork portal.

utcourts.gov/en/self-help/services/mycase/mypaperwork.html

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault examination costs are covered by the Utah Office of Victims of Crime if the survivor obtains a case number. Anyone may receive treatment for sexual assault, and advocates are available to answer questions and help protect the interests and rights of the survivor. If the patient is under the age of 18, a child advocate will be available, and mandatory reporting laws apply.

Sexual assault medical forensic exams offer a variety of services that include forensic evidence collection, treatment of injuries, emergency contraception, and preventative sexually transmitted infection treatment.

Medical forensic exams may be completed up to five days after the sexual assault. Medical forensic evidence is perishable and should be collected as soon as possible.

Resources

UCASA 24/7 Sexual Assault Helpline (801) 736-4356 — Español (801) 924-0860 — ucasa.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN) (800) 656-4673

YWCA Family Justice Center (801) 236-3370 — 310 E Broadway, SLC, UT 84111 (forensic exams and other critical services in a family-friendly environment) ywcautah.org

Rape Recovery Center (801) 467-7282 — 2035 S 1300 East, SLC, UT 84105 (24-hour advocates respond to area hospitals and outpatient centers)

A victim of sexual violence may apply for a Sexual Violence Protective Order through the Utah State Courts MyPaperwork portal: utcourts.gov/en/self-help/services/mycase/mypaperwork.html

Financial Assistance and Victim Notification

Victim Financial Assistance

Office for Victims of Crime (801) 238-2360 — 350 E 500 South #200, SLC, UT 84111

Eligibility information and online application in English and Spanish: crimevictim.utah.gov/help-for-victims/victim-compensation

Federal Department of Justice — Office for Victims of Crime ovc.ojp.gov

Work Force Services

The Utah Department of Work Force Services can assist survivors with employment referrals, job training, emergency assistance, Medicaid, CHIP, food stamps, childcare, and other financial assistance: jobs.utah.gov

Victim Notification & Jail Information

Vine Link (877) 884-VINE / (877) 844-8463 — notification system for custody status and location of offenders — vinelink.vineapps.com/state/UT/ENGLISH

Utah Department of Corrections Victim Services (801) 545-5500 — corrections.utah.gov/victim-services

County Jails

Davis County Jail (801) 451-4200

Salt Lake County Jail (385) 468-8400

Summit County Jail (435) 615-3600

Tooele County Jail (435) 832-5600

Utah County Jail (801) 851-4200

Weber County Jail (801) 778-6700

Crisis Support & Other Services

Suicide / Crisis Prevention

Utah Suicide Prevention & Crisis Lifeline 24/7 text or call 9-8-8

Trevor Project (LGBTQIA+) 24/7 Helpline (866) 488-7386

Other Services

Utah State Courts Self-Help utcourts.gov — information on protective orders and other services

Safe at Home (801) 538-1600 / 1-(833)-747-SAFE (7233) address substitution and mail forwarding program for survivors living in Utah

Utah Adult Protective Services 1-(800) 371-7897 or report online 24/7 at daas.utah.gov/adult-protective-services

National Human Trafficking Hotline (U and T Visa) (888) 373-7888 — uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-of-human-trafficking-and-other-crimes

Utah Trafficking in Persons Taskforce (UTIP Tipline) (801) 200-3433 — human trafficking task force through the Utah Attorney General's Office

Identity Theft — Federal Trade Commission identitytheft.gov

Utah Victims Bill of Rights

Victims of crime in the State of Utah are granted rights and protections that are legislatively mandated and honored by officers and employees of the Utah Transit Authority Police Department. Your rights as a victim and witness are in Article I, Section 28 of the Utah Constitution, and Utah Criminal Code Title 77, Chapters 37, 38, and 38a.

Victims' Rights

1. To be treated fairly, with respect and dignity, free from harassment and abuse.
2. To be informed and assisted through the criminal justice process.
3. To be heard at important criminal justice hearings.
4. To receive notice of important criminal justice hearings in felony cases.
5. To privacy protections.
6. To be free of threats and intimidation, and in some cases to request a pretrial criminal no-contact order.
7. To a speedy resolution of your case, free from unwarranted delay.
8. To provide information at sentencing about the impact of the crime and any other relevant information you would like to share with the judge.
9. To restitution, and to have personal property returned once it is deemed no longer necessary for the court or prosecution.
10. To object to a petition for expungement.
11. To have access to the Victim Information & Notification System Everyday (VINE) at vinelink.com.
12. To prevent a convicted person, or their representative, from profiting through the sale or transfer of memorabilia related to the crime.

Additional Rights for Victims of Domestic Violence-Related Offenses

13. To receive information regarding how and where to obtain a protective order.
14. To receive a list of shelters and resources available in your community.
15. To voluntarily commit a firearm to the custody of a law enforcement agency when evidence of an immediate threat exists.
16. To be reasonably informed when your assailant has been released from jail.

Victim's Rights Concerns and Complaints

The Utah Victim Services Commission supports and monitors the State Victim Rights committees for the eight district courts. The committees are responsible for oversight and protection of victim rights. If you believe that your rights as a victim have been violated by an individual or entity of the Utah criminal justice system, you can file a complaint online: justice.utah.gov/divisions-and-teams/victim-services/victim-complaints

Utah Law 11-64-101 grants any victim of a first-degree felony, or a family member of a missing person or homicide victim, the right to request review of a criminal investigation under the following conditions:

- The incident has been reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.
- At least one year has passed since the incident was first reported to the law enforcement agency.
- The law enforcement agency has not submitted the investigation for screening by a county or district attorney's office.