

# Domestic Violence Online Resources

## For Survivors

### 1. Emergency Assistance

- **Call 911** if you are in immediate physical danger.
- **Hotlines—locate assistance anywhere in the United States:**
  - **The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH)**  
(800) 799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233)  
(800) 787-3224 (TTY)  
<http://www.ndvh.org>
  - **The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)**  
(800) 656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673)  
<http://www.rainn.org>
  - **National Dating Abuse Helpline**—Teens can talk with a trained advocate 24/7 who can offer support and connect them to resources  
(866) 331-9474  
(866) 331-8453 (TTY)  
[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)
  - **The Trevor Project**—Crisis and suicide prevention lifeline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth  
(866) 488-7386  
<http://www.thetrevorproject.org>
- **Online information about crisis intervention and/or emergency shelter in Michigan**  
The links below will help you locate agencies offering emergency shelter and crisis intervention services. These agencies also offer ongoing services for both shelter residents and nonresidents including confidential counseling, safety planning, transportation, advocacy with social service agencies, help with finding permanent housing, children's services, referrals for health care or legal assistance, and support at court proceedings.
  - **The Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention & Treatment Board** has an online agency list by county at <http://www.michigan.gov/domesticviolence> (click on "Michigan's Resource Directory")
  - To locate an agency by city, visit the **Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence** at <http://www.mcadsv.org/help/locate.php>

### 2. Recognizing Domestic Violence, Safety Planning

- **Am I being abused?**  
<http://www.nnedv.org/resources>  
(click on "about domestic violence")
- **General safety planning:**  
<http://www.ncadv.org/protectyourself/SafetyPlan.php>  
and <http://www.ncadv.org/protectyourself/MyPersonalSafetyPlan.php>
- **Workplace guidelines:**  
<http://www.ncadv.org/protectyourself/WorkplaceGuidelines.php>
- **Protecting your identity:**  
<http://www.ncadv.org/protectyourself/ProtectingYourIdentity.php>
- **Computer and Internet safety:**  
<http://www.nnedv.org/internetsafety.html>
- **Financial tips for survivors:**  
<http://www.nnedv.org/projects/ecojustice/allstate/financialtips.html>
- **Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS):**  
<http://www.michigan.gov/otis>. OTIS offers information to the public about offenders previously or currently under the jurisdiction or supervision of the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). This information can be verified through the MDOC, Michigan courts, the Michigan State Police, or other law enforcement agencies. *Only offenders who have been under the jurisdiction or supervision of the MDOC within the last three years will appear. If more than three years has elapsed, the information will not be available on OTIS.*

### 3. Legal Services and Domestic Violence

- **Finding a legal aid attorney in Michigan; information on various legal topics:**  
<http://www.michiganlegalaid.org>
- **Questions to ask when hiring an attorney:**  
<http://www.ncadv.org/protectyourself/LegalGuidelines.php>
- **Is mediation right for me?**  
<http://courts.mi.gov/scao/resources/standards/odr/dvprotocol.pdf> (scroll down to the last two pages of this document)
- **Handbook on supervised visitation:**  
[http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/userfiles/file/Children\\_and\\_Families/supervised\\_visitation\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/userfiles/file/Children_and_Families/supervised_visitation_handbook.pdf)
- **Resources and referrals for domestic violence survivors involved in interstate custody cases from the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women:**  
<http://www.lrcvaw.org>
- **International child abduction: Information from the State Department's Office of Children's Issues about responding to and preventing international child abduction:**  
The Office of Children's Issues provides information and maintains a network of attorneys who provide legal representation to parents involved in international parental child abduction cases; see [http://travel.state.gov/abduction/abduction\\_580.html](http://travel.state.gov/abduction/abduction_580.html).
- **Victim Rights Law Center—Civil legal resources for survivors of sexual assault:**  
<http://www.victimrights.org>

### 4. General Information About Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

- **Domestic Abuse Handbook:**  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FIA-DomVioHandbook\\_9763\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FIA-DomVioHandbook_9763_7.pdf)
- **Why Does He Do That? Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men** (Lundy Bancroft, New York: Berkley Books, 2002)
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:**  
<http://www.thehotline.org/>
- **Domestic violence resources and publications:**  
<http://www.nnedv.org/resources/stats/gethelp.html>
- **Teen Dating Violence:** <http://www.michigan.gov/datingviolence>
- **Department of Veteran Affairs—National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder:**  
Provides resources for veterans and information on PTSD, including trauma resulting from intimate partner violence. See <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/fslist-violence-abuse.asp>.
- **Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence:**  
Lending library with resources on domestic and sexual violence; free to borrowers within the state of Michigan. See <http://www.resourcecenter.info>.  
Telephone: (517) 381-4663  
Fax: (517) 347-1060  
TTY: (517) 381-8470
- **National Stalking Resource Center:**  
<http://www.ncvc.org/src/Main.aspx>
- **National Sexual Violence Resource Center:**  
<http://www.nsvrc.org/>

### 5. Other

- **Women's Independent Scholarship Program:** Helps survivors of intimate partner abuse obtain an education that will in turn offer them the chance to secure employment, personal independence, and self-sufficiency. See <http://www.wispinc.org/Programs/WISP/tabid/62/Default.aspx>.

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## For Legal Professionals

### 1. Services for Survivors and Perpetrators

- **Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board:** <http://www.michigan.gov/domesticviolence>. Click on “Michigan’s Resource Directory” for a list of domestic violence service agencies by county.
- **Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of MI:** <http://www.biscmi.org>. Information on programs providing specialized interventions that give domestic violence perpetrators the opportunity to choose nonabusive behavior.

### 2. Michigan Judicial Institute: MJJ offers several online benchbooks for judges, containing detailed descriptions of the law on the following topics:

- **Domestic Violence Benchbook, 3rd Edition:** Addresses Michigan law governing domestic violence in the three courtroom contexts in which it is most likely to be at issue: criminal proceedings, personal protection proceedings, and divorce and child custody proceedings. See <http://courts.mi.gov/mji/resources/dvbook/Domestic-Violence.pdf>.
- **Crime Victim’s Rights Manual, Revised Edition, 2005–August 2010:** Detailed manual of crime victim’s rights, with updated legislation. See <http://courts.mi.gov/mji/resources/cvr/Crime-Victim-Rights-Manual.pdf>.
- **Sexual Assault Benchbook:** Provides information on Michigan’s criminal sexual conduct offenses (and other related offenses), including applicable defenses; community agencies and resources that assist victims of sexual assault; evidentiary matters; communicable disease testing; post-conviction requests for DNA testing; expungement of convictions; Michigan’s Sex Offenders Registration Act; the Combined DNA Index System; the DNA identification profiling system; and civil remedies for sexual assault victims. See <http://courts.mi.gov/mji/resources/sabb/sabb.htm>.
- **Friend of the Court Domestic Violence Resource Book:** This book is intended to assist Friend of the Court staff in handling domestic relations cases in which domestic violence is involved. It addresses such topics as the nature and dynamics of domestic violence and the attendant safety concerns; community referral resources; laws governing access to children and support as they apply in cases involving domestic violence; safety concerns with alternative dispute resolution, particularly mediation; and the relationship between criminal and PPO actions and domestic relations cases involving the same parties. See [http://courts.mi.gov/mji/resources/focdv/foc\\_dv.htm](http://courts.mi.gov/mji/resources/focdv/foc_dv.htm).

### 3. Protocols and Standards

- **Domestic Violence and Child Abuse/Neglect Screening Protocol for Domestic Relations Mediation:** Based on a presumption that mediation is inappropriate in most cases involving domestic violence, this protocol contains a screening tool to help mediators identify cases in which mediation may be unsafe or unlikely to produce a fair outcome. See <http://courts.mi.gov/scao/resources/standards/odr/dvprotocol.pdf>.
- **Batterer Intervention Standards for the State of Michigan:** Endorsed by the governor and the State Court Administrative Office, these standards were drafted to assist courts in identifying appropriate interventions for individuals convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence; see [http://www.biscmi.org/aboutus/michigan\\_standards.html](http://www.biscmi.org/aboutus/michigan_standards.html). For help in locating a program that complies with the state standards, contact the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan at <http://www.biscmi.org> or a domestic violence service agency in your county.
- **Guiding principles for supervised visitation in cases involving domestic violence:** The Office of Violence Against Women in the U.S. Department of Justice has published these guiding principles for its grant-funded supervised visitation programs serving families in child custody cases in which domestic violence is present.

These guidelines offer a helpful perspective on promoting safety for survivors of abuse and their children in this setting. See <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/guiding-principles032608.pdf>.

### 4. Research, Referral, and Other Resources

- **Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence:** Lending library with resources on domestic and sexual violence, free to borrowers within the state of Michigan. See <http://www.resourcecenter.info>. Telephone: (517) 381-4663 Fax: (517) 347-1060 TTY: (517) 381-8470
- **National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges:** This organization offers various resources for judges and lawyers on topics involving domestic violence at <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/blogcategory/256/302/>. Topics include:
  - o Civil protection orders
  - o Child safety in custody cases involving domestic violence
  - o Custody and visitation evaluations in cases involving domestic violence
  - o Dependency cases involving domestic violence
- **Battered Women’s Justice Project (BWJP):** Offers online resources and maintains a large in-house research library on criminal and civil justice issues, including children, defense of battered women, civil and family law, criminal and civil statutes, court issues, prosecution, law enforcement, and probation. See <http://www.bwjp.org/resources.aspx>. Within the BWJP, the National Center on Full Faith and Credit provides assistance with issues of full faith and credit, federal firearms prohibitions related specifically to domestic violence, federal domestic violence and stalking crimes, and interjurisdictional child custody cases involving domestic violence. See [http://www.bwjp.org/ncffc\\_home.aspx](http://www.bwjp.org/ncffc_home.aspx).
- **ABA Commission on Domestic Violence:** The commission offers a litigator’s listserv and a variety of topical resources for attorneys representing survivors of domestic violence. See [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/domestic\\_violence.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/domestic_violence.html).
- **Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction:** Information from the State Department’s Office of Children’s Issues for attorneys and judges about responding to and preventing international child abduction; see [http://travel.state.gov/abduction/attorneysjudges/attorneysjudges\\_4306.html](http://travel.state.gov/abduction/attorneysjudges/attorneysjudges_4306.html). The Office of Children’s Issues maintains an attorney network. Network attorneys provide legal representation to parents involved in international parental child abduction cases.
- **Victim’s Rights Law Center (focus on sexual assault):** This law center is dedicated to providing hands-on legal representation for sexual assault victims. To obtain “A Practical Guide to Representing Sexual Assault Victims” and resources on sexual assault for legal advocates/lawyers, visit <http://www.victimrights.org>.
- **Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP):** DV LEAP’s website provides materials and resources for lawyers and survivors involved in domestic violence litigation. It contains briefs filed by DV LEAP in various cases involving domestic violence as well as training materials, publications, and links to other domestic violence organizations. See <http://www.dvleap.org/Home.aspx>.
- **Resources on immigration issues from ASISTA Immigration Assistance:** [http://www.asistahelp.org/en/access\\_the\\_clearinghouse/](http://www.asistahelp.org/en/access_the_clearinghouse/)

### 5. Reading

- Bancroft, *The Batterer as Parent: Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Dynamics* (Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 2002).
- Hannah & Goldstein, eds, *Domestic Violence, Abuse, and Child Custody: Legal Strategies and Policy Issues* (Kingston: Civic Research Institute, 2010).