

## VICTIM'S RIGHTS

- Right to obtain a copy of the police incident report.
- Right to go to court and file a petition requesting a Personal Protection Order.
- Right to obtain services from your local domestic violence shelter program and other resources that provide victim's information about services and legal rights.

**Domestic  
Violence  
Is A Crime!**



For Your Records:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Law Enforcement Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Incident Report Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Incident

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Report

\_\_\_\_\_  
Investigating Officer

## Domestic Violence Is About Power and Control!

**If you are a victim of domestic violence you are not alone. You are NOT responsible for the violent behavior of another person. There is help available for you.**

### SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

County Sheriff's Office	989-354-9830
Prosecutor's Office	989-354-9738
District Court	989-354-9678
Circuit Court	989-354-9573
Family Division	989-354-9696
Friend of the Court	989-354-9710
Michigan State Police	989-354-4101
Alpena Police Dept.	989-354-1800
Shelter, Inc. of Alpena	989-356-2560
Shelter, Inc. of Oscoda	989-739-0144
Shelter, Inc. Toll Free	800-396-9129
Legal Services	989-356-9081
Department of Human Services	989-354-7200
Community Mental Health	989-356-2161

## Notice of Victim's Rights



**Alpena County  
Sheriff**

**989-354-9830**

Immediately contact your local police department if you feel you are a victim of domestic violence.

An emergency shelter home and/or counseling is available for you and your children through Shelter, Inc. 1-800-396-9129

Domestic Violence is a Crime  
**REPORT ALL INCIDENTS!!!**  
**Emergencies- DIAL 911**



You may obtain a copy of the police report for your case by contacting this law enforcement agency at the telephone number provided. Information about emergency shelter, counseling services, and the legal rights of domestic violence victims is available from Shelter, Inc.

Your legal rights also include the right to go to court and file a petition requesting a personal protection order to protect you or other members of your household from domestic abuse.

You also have the right to go to court and file a motion for an order to show cause and a hearing if the abuser is violating or has violated a personal protection order and has not been arrested.

Shelter, Inc. is your local domestic violence provider. They provide emergency housing, counseling and legal advocacy for survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.



## Shelter, Inc.

Illuminating Pathways for  
Survivors of Domestic Violence  
and Sexual Assault  
Since 1978

Shelter, Inc.  
P.O. Box 797  
Alpena, MI 49707  
(989) 356-6265  
or  
P.O. Box 658  
Oscoda, MI 48750  
(989) 739-0144

Toll Free 24-hour Crisis Line:  
1-800-396-9129

[www.shelterincalpena.org](http://www.shelterincalpena.org)

## PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER (PPO)

A Personal Protection Order (PPO) is a Circuit Court order prohibiting an assailant from certain behaviors.

A PPO allows the police to make an immediate arrest for behaviors that would not otherwise be criminal. A PPO is effective upon the judge's signature and remains in effect for no less than six months.

A Foreign Protection Order (FPO) is a PPO granted in a state other than Michigan or by a tribal court. A FPO can be enforced in Michigan.

### WHO QUALIFIES

There are two types of PPO's; Domestic and Stalking. A domestic relationship exists when the victim and the assailant meet one of the following criteria:

- The assailant is the spouse or former spouse of the victim.
- Has a child in common with the victim.
- Is a person residing or has resided in the same household as the victim.
- The victim and the assailant have or had a dating relationship. Dating is defined as "frequent, intimate association characterized by the expectation of affectional involvement."

### APPLYING FOR A PPO

If you are in immediate danger, you can petition the court for an "ex parte" PPO.

It is not necessary to hire an attorney to get a PPO, you may do it yourself. An advocate from the Domestic Abuse Program can give you more information about filing on your own and/or assist you with completing the papers. If you do have an attorney, he/she should be contacted and informed of your intention to file a PPO.



## HOW DOES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECT CHILDREN

A home in which physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, or property damage occurs is frightening, unhealthy, and can be devastating to a child. Children in these homes cannot truly be children, they worry about being an additional problem or burden to their family and fear for their own safety and security. Additionally, they have the burden of carrying around the family secret.

Children in violent homes live with fear, instability and confusion. They live in fear of physical harm from the person who is supposed to care for and protect them. Children from violent homes may experience many stress-related physical ailments, as well as hearing and speech problems. Children from violent homes are at higher risk for alcohol abuse, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency and suicide. In the United States, 3.3 to 10 million children witness the abuse of a woman each year. One-third to one-half of those children have also been beaten by the abuser-usually the woman's current or former partner. Two-thirds of boys who witness abuse become violent in their adult relationships and one-third of the girls who witness abuse find themselves in violent adult relationships.

Teach them not to get in the middle of a fight, even if they want to help. Teach them how to get to safety, to call 911 and give address and phone numbers to police.

