

SAFETY PLAN

Filing charges and obtaining Protective Orders are only effective if all involved obey the restrictions. Your safety and the safety of the children (if any) may require you to develop an alternative plan for the protection of you and your family. For help on safety planning or more information call:

Coordinated Crisis Response Hotline: 251-0144
or
Norfolk Dept. of Human Services: 664-6000

IF THREATENED or intimidated in any way by suspect, or family, or friends of suspect, you can:

- Report incident to police
- Seek magistrate to press charges
- Speak to Human Services (above)

HELP FOR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY CONTACTS

Navy

Norfolk	757-444-2230*
Portsmouth	757-953-7801*
NAB – Little Creek	757-462-7563*
NAS - Oceana	757-433-2555*
Yorktown Naval Base	757-887-4606*

Army

Fort Story	757-422-7311*
Fort Story (Dispatch)	757-422-7141
Fort Eustis	757-637-4035

CONTACT LIST— Help/support contacts:

Coordinated Crisis Response Hotline	251-0144*
Norfolk Dept. of Human Services	664-6000
Transitions Shelter Family Advocacy (Peninsula)	723-7774*
VA Family Violence Hotline	1-800-838-8238*
Vine (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)	1-888-846-3469*
Norfolk Child Protective Services	664-6022
Norfolk Victim/Witness Assistance	664-4822
Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia	627-5423
Norfolk Department of Police Special Crimes Unit	664-7033

* Indicates numbers available 24 hours



Officer's Name: _____

Incident Report # _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Detective Assigned (If known) _____

DOMESTIC ABUSE RESOURCE GUIDE

**IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE
 DANGER CALL 911**

For Non-Emergencies Call 441-5610



ARREST

CONDITIONS FOR ARREST:

The officer shall arrest the abuser if the officer has probable cause to believe that assault and battery against a family member has occurred and the predominant aggressor has been determined.

- **If the person involved was arrested:**

Contact the Sheriff's Office at 664-4701 or 664-4707 to see if the person has been released or is being held in jail.

- **If the person involved was released:**

Contact the Sheriff's Office to see if an Emergency Protective Order was issued and/if the person was released on a non-contact bond.

WARRANT/PROTECTIVE ORDER

Officer at the scene will assist you in obtaining a warrant and/or protective order.

If you have questions regarding your case, you may contact a Norfolk Police Department, **Special Crimes Unit at 664-7033**. If a Special Crimes detective is not immediately available please contact the Non-Emergency hotline at 757-441-5610 and request to speak to any available on duty detective.

You do not have to be physically injured to obtain a warrant. A warrant can also be issued for threats, stalking, property damage, or trespassing.

Magistrates are available in the City of Norfolk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at:

- **Public Safety Building, 811 East City Hall Avenue** (Downtown Norfolk next to City Hall)

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER (EPO)

If there is an arrest or warrant, the officer on the scene will automatically request an EPO from the magistrate on your behalf.

If there is no arrest or warrant but you feel the person involved poses a continuing threat to your safety, you may request the officer on the scene to assist you in finding a safe residence and obtaining an EPO.

You may obtain an EPO on your own if you so choose. A magistrate or judge may issue an EPO to you if you appear in person and request one. An EPO may include the following conditions:

- Order the involved person, you, and the children, if involved, to have no physical or phone contact with each other;
- Order the involved person to stop assaulting you.
- Grant you the exclusive possession of your residence.

THE EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER IS IN EFFECT ONLY AFTER IT HAS BEEN SERVED ON THE INVOLVED PERSON. IT IS IN EFFECT FOR 72 HOURS AFTER BEING ISSUED.

If you need further protection beyond an EPO, you must appear before the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations (JDR) Court, located at 800 East City Hall Avenue, where you must fill out paperwork to file a Preliminary Protective Order petition.

Emergency Protective Orders will only be issued when the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court is **not** in session. All requests for a protective order during the hours that the Juvenile Relations Court is in session will be made through an intake officer (located in the JDR Court building at 800 E. City Hall

Ave 3rd Floor) who will immediately take the matter in front of a judge for a Preliminary Protective Order (PPO) to be issued. A PPO lasts up to 15 days; it provides all of the protection of an EPO and may afford further safety provisions for the person requesting it.

OTHER COURT PETITIONS:

In addition to a protective order, if you are planning to separate from the involved person, you may file at court for:

- Custody of the children
- Child support
- Spousal support if married
- Exclusive use of the residence
- Alternative housing
- Other resources

For help filing petitions or other help, call a Military Family Advocate or the Norfolk Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

COURT

If a warrant has been issued and/or you have requested a Preliminary Protective Order, you will have to appear in court.

You may be contacted by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and/or an advocate from the Victim/Witness Assistance Program who will assist you in prosecution. If you have questions regarding your case, call the Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney's Office at 664-4444 or Victim Witness at 664-4822

Proving your case will require testimony, evidence, and witnesses (if available).

ASSISTANCE FOR COURT APPEARANCE:

For additional assistance and support with the court process, do not hesitate to contact:

- **Coordinated Crisis Response Hotline**
251-0144