

LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CIVIL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MATTERS

*Listings are in alphabetical order by organization name.
Some phone lines may be voicemail only but are being checked.*

If you are in immediate danger please call 911. An officer on scene can connect you to a [D.C. SAFE](#) Advocate and the EPTO process. If you have questions regarding domestic violence services in D.C., please call the **D.C. Victim Hotline at 1-844-4HELPCD**. If you are in crisis they can connect you to a [D.C. SAFE](#) Advocate.

Domestic Violence & Related Family Matters (Petitioners/Survivors)

- [Amara Legal Center](#)
 - Call 240-257-6492 Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or email info@amaralegal.org
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services and full and partial representation for survivors of sex trafficking and for individuals whose rights have been violated while involved in commercial sex. Civil Protection Orders, child custody, divorce, criminal defense, name and gender marker changes, victim-witness advocacy, expungement of criminal records.
- [Avuda](#)
 - Call 202-387-4848 or text: (833) 422-0005, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Closed 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Civil Protection Orders and family law. Also offers free social services including case management and therapy for survivors and immigration legal services.
- [Bread for the City](#)
 - Call 202-386-7616
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and family violence in Civil Protection Orders, family law, immigration, public benefits, and housing cases.
- [Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project](#) (DV LEAP)
 - [Online application](#)
 - Services offered: Legal representation in appeals of Civil Protection Orders and Extreme Risk Protection Orders between intimate partners and family members.
- [D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project](#)
 - Call 202-425-7573 Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., email clinic@dclvp.org, or online intake (<https://www.dclvp.org/intake/>).
 - Walk-in Clinics: <https://www.dclvp.org/clinic/> for schedule, locations.
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to caregivers of at-risk children in protection order cases, family law cases (custody, custody modification, and divorce), and immigration cases.
- [Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia](#)
 - Call 202-628-1161 Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please leave a message if someone does not answer, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.
 - [Online intake](#) available 24/7 (go to <https://www.legalaiddc.org/online-intake/>)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and full representation to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or family violence in civil protection order, family law, public benefits, housing, consumer, and immigration cases.

- **Neighborhood Legal Services Program**
 - Call 202-832-6577 Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - [Online intake](#) available 24/7 (go to www.nlsp.org or <https://tinyurl.com/sedqrb7>)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice, brief services, and representation for domestic violence survivors in civil protection order cases, family law, housing, consumer law, and barriers to employment matters.
- **Network of Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC)**
 - Call 202-742-1727 and leave a voicemail, or fill out a request at <https://www.nvrdc.org/get-help>. Someone will reach out by phone. Youth survivors ages 12-24 may also text 202-849-6289.
 - *Services offered:* All legal clients are eligible for NVRDC's advocacy/case management services, including assistance with Crime Victims Compensation applications.
 - For crime victims of all crime types, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, & stalking: representation in assertion of crime victims' rights in juvenile delinquency proceedings & adult criminal cases.
 - For survivors of domestic violence, dating abuse, sexual assault, & stalking: free legal advice, brief services, and full representation in Civil Protection Order proceedings and college and university campus misconduct proceedings and accommodations requests under Title IX/Clery Act. Also provide services for youth ages 12-24 who are survivors of dating violence, sexual assault and stalking through the Support & Legal Advocacy for Youth (SLAY) Program.
- **Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia**
 - Call 202-879-0152 and leave a message with questions about:
 - Domestic Violence Intake Center
 - Civil Protection Order and Motions for Criminal Contempt case information
- **Tahirih Justice Center (Greater DC-Baltimore Regional Program)**
 - Call 571-282-6161 between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.
 - *Services offered:* Provides free social services, legal brief advice & full representation in immigration & family law to immigrant survivors of gender-based violence.
- **The Safe Sisters Circle**
 - Call 202-365-5251 or email legalservices@safesisterscircle.org
 - *Services offered:* Legal representation in CPO matters (domestic violence and sexual assault), family law matter representation, and crime victim advocacy, with a focus on culturally specific services to Black women survivors living primarily in Wards 7 and 8.
- **Victim Legal Network of DC**
 - Call 202-629-1788 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.
 - Online intake form: <https://vlndc.org/for-victims-of-crime/get-help/>
 - *Services offered:* VLNDNC connects victims of crime in D.C., including survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, to a network of over 23 DC legal services providers.

Domestic Violence (Respondents)

- **Neighborhood Legal Services Program**
 - Call 202-832-6577 Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 - [Online intake](#) available 24/7 (go to www.nlsp.org or <https://tinyurl.com/sedqrb7>)
 - *Services offered:* Free legal advice and representation in civil protection order cases and barriers to employment matters.

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- **Rising for Justice**
 - For same day assistance: Call 202-638-4798 ext. 156 or email atorres@risingforjustice.org for same day assistance on Monday and Wednesday from 8:30AM to 5:00 PM
 - To request assistance Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM: Call 202-570-7441 or email cpop@risingforjustice.org. An attorney will respond to calls and emails within 24 business hours.
 - Services offered: Legal advice and full representation, as appropriate, for low-income D.C. residents who are respondents in civil protection order (CPO) and anti-stalking order (ASO) cases