

# Domestic Violence

Circuit Court for Prince George's County  
Law Library

Domestic Violence includes select crimes committed by a current or former household or family member of the victim. Below are select resources focusing on the issue of Domestic Violence.

## Maryland Code

### Domestic Violence

[MD Code, Family Law, Title 4, Subtitle 5, 4-501-4-531](#)

### Abuse and Other Offensive Conduct

[MD Code, Criminal Law, Title 3, Subtitle 6, 3-601-3-609](#)

### Assault, Reckless Endangerment, and Related Crimes

[MD Code, Criminal Law, Title 3, Subtitle 2, 3-201-3-215](#)

### Kidnapping

[MD Code, Criminal Law, Title 3, Subtitle 5, 3-501-3-503](#)

### Sexual Crimes

[MD Code, Criminal Law, Title 3, Subtitle 3, 3-301-3-325](#)

### Stalking and Harassment

[MD Code, Criminal Law, Title 3, Subtitle 8, 3-801-3-809](#)

### Warrantless Arrests – MD Code, Criminal Procedure, Title 2, Subtitle 2:

[2-204. Domestic Abuse or Violence](#)

[2-204.1. Arrest of Persons in Violation of Protective Order](#)

[2-205. Stalking](#)

## Maryland and Prince George's County Resources

### [Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence](#)

24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or text "LOVEIS" to 22522

### [Community Crisis Services Inc.](#)

24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

### [House of Ruth Maryland](#)

24 Hour Hotline 410-889-7884

Legal Hotline: 888-880-7884

[Prince George's County Family Justice Center](#) (provides a full array of co-located services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and elder abuse)

301-780-8008

[Stop the Silence: List of Domestic Violence Resources in Prince George's County \(English, Español\)](#)

## Library Resources

Fader's Maryland Family Law, 7th ed. / Cynthia Callahan & Thomas C. Ries (LexisNexis, 2021) (KFM 1294 .C35 2021 RESERVE)

Domestic Violence Cases: Handling them Effectively in Circuit and District Court (MSBA, 2017) (KFM 1294. H842 2017 RESERVE)

Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure, 2020 ed. / Isabelle Scott (Thomson Reuters, 2020) (KF 1269 .A15 D66 2020)

## Information and Articles

### Maryland Access to Justice Commission

Basic information, legal providers and other resources on [COVID – Domestic Violence](#)

### Maryland Judiciary Legal Help

Information on [Domestic Violence](#)

### Peoples Law Library of Maryland

See 5 Domestic Violence article categories under [Domestic Violence](#)

Find a legal services provider for [Domestic Violence](#)

### Women's Law Center of Maryland

Basic information, legal providers and other resources on [Domestic Violence](#)

## Forms

File for a [Protective Order](#) if you:

- are married, divorced, or currently separated;
- are related by marriage, blood or adoption (this includes stepparents and stepchildren if they have lived with you for at least 90 days in the past year);
- have lived together in a sexual relationship for at least 90 days in the past year;
- are the parents of a child together;
- have had a sexual relationship with each other in the past year;
- are a vulnerable adult;
- were raped or sexually assaulted by the other person (including attempts) in the past six months.

If you do not have one of these relationships, file for a [Peace Order](#).

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