

Courts

Gwinnett County Courts www.gwinnettcourts.net

Gwinnett County Magistrate Court 770.822.8100

After Hours Number 770.619.6703

Gwinnett County Clerk of Court 770.822.8100

Gwinnett Solicitor's Office 770.822.8300
(*Misdemeanor*)

Gwinnett District Attorney's Office 770.822.8400
(*Felony*)

Victim Assistance Programs

Georgia Helpline (*State resources*) 800.338.6745
www.hodac.org

Crime Victim's Compensation Fund 404.657.2222
www.cjcc.georgia.gov/victims-compensation

Crime Victim's Advocacy Council 770.333.9254
www.cvaonline.org

Law Enforcement Agencies

Gwinnett County Police Department 770.513.5000

TDD/TTY 770.962.7938

Gwinnett County Sheriff 770.619.6500

After Hours Number 770.822.8210

Gwinnett Detention Center/Jail 770.619.6500
<http://www.gwinnettcountysheriff.com/>

Duluth Police Department 770.476.4151

Lawrenceville Police Department 770.963.2443

Lilburn Police Department 770.921.2211

Norcross Police Department 770.448.2111

Snellville Police Department 770.985.3555

Suwanee Police Department 770.945.8995

Multicultural Services

Caminar Latino 404.413.6348
www.caminarlatino.org

Catholic Charities (*immigration issues*) 678.222.3920
www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Our Lady of the Americas Mission 770.717.1517
<https://nuestrasenoradelasamericas.com>

Tapestri (*Refugee & Immigrant help*) 404.299.2185
www.tapestri.org

Raksha (South Asian) 404.842.0725
www.raksha.org

New American Pathways 404.299.6099
www.newamericanpathways.org

International Women's House 770.413.5557
<https://internationalwomenshouse.org>

Ctr for Pan Asian Community Svcs, Inc. 770.936.0969
www.cpacs.org

Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV)

padv.org or 24 Hour CRISIS Line: 770.963.9799

Working to stop domestic violence by providing intervention, prevention, and educational services to families and the community. Services include:

- Shelter for Women and Children
- Legal Advocacy
- Children's Program
- Women's Support Groups
- Training and Educational Programs
- Intervention Programs for Batterers
- Volunteer Opportunities

In the event the local shelter is full, the staff of the Partnership will work to find alternative emergency shelter.

Georgia Domestic Violence

24 Hour Hotline: 1.800.33.HAVEN

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800.799.SAFE TDD/TTY 800.787.3224

Mosaic

www.mosaicgeorgia.org

24/7 Crisis line 866.900.6019

Emergency Numbers

Police or Fire Emergency: 911

Gwinnett Helpline: 770.995.3339

United Way Helpline:

211 or www.unitedwayatlanta.org

Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office

Brian Whiteside, Solicitor-General

www.GwinnettSolicitor.com

Homicide Prevention

Safety Planning & Resources for victims of violent crimes

Are You Being Abused?

- Are you afraid of your partner?
- Do you apologize for your partner's behavior?
- Does your partner put you down/call you names?
- Do you have to account for your daily activities?
- Have you ever been injured by your partner?
- Has your partner ever threatened you?
- Do you avoid friends or family to avoid conflict?
- Have you ever been forced to have sex?
- Does your partner prevent you from getting a job?
- If you work, does your partner control the money?
- Does your partner blame you for the abuse?

If you recognize any of these symptoms of abuse,

you are not alone.

If you are in an abusive relationship, know:

- People get injured, sometimes even killed
- Children who witness violence are damaged
- The abuser's behavior is **not your fault**
- The abuse **will not stop** without help
- **Help is available**

AN ABUSER'S POTENTIAL TO KILL

(Lethality Assessment)

Following are indicators used in making an assessment of an abuser's potential to kill.

1. THREATS of homicide or suicide.
2. Recent or threatened SEPARATION.
3. JEALOUS – accusations of cheating.
4. Used or threatened with a WEAPON.
5. STRANGULATION.
6. Forced Sex.
7. VIOLENT to OTHERS/children.
8. Damaged your belongings/pets.
9. DEPRESSION/Desperation.
10. ALCOHOL or DRUG abuse.

SAFETY PLANNING

These suggestions do not guarantee, but may improve your safety.

Safety Before You Leave

Have a charged phone at all times. Don't be afraid to call the police.

Identify your partner's use and level of force so you can assess danger before it happens.

If violence occurs, avoid kitchens/bathrooms (*potential weapons*), and rooms with no windows/doors (*no escape*).

If violence is unavoidable, make yourself a small target; dive into a corner, curl up into a ball, cover head/face with arms.

Don't run to where your children are located, they may get injured too.

Teach your children how to get help. Tell them not to get involved in the violence and not to tell the abuser about the plan.

Let trusted friends and neighbors know and plan with them. Tell neighbors to call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from your home.

Create several plausible excuses for leaving home.

Practice how to get out safely with your children.

Back the car in and leave it fueled, and unlocked. Hide an extra set of car keys and change of clothes.

Gather important documents (bank accounts, birth certificates, insurance and medical records, etc.) and keep them in a safe place outside your home.

Decide where you will go if you need to leave and pick more than one place you know will be safe.

Safety After You Leave

Change the locks/get an unlisted phone number.

Change routes/times of traveling to work/school.

Get a dog, security system, and take a self-defense course.

Alert your workplace of your situation and have your calls screened, if possible.

Get caller ID and call block so no one can get your new unlisted phone number.

Find a support group for you and counseling for your children.

Inform your friends and neighbors and ask them to be on the lookout. Show them a recent photo of the abuser.

Get a Temporary Protective Order (TPO).

Temporary Protective Orders (TPO)

Only stalking or domestic violence victims can file for a TPO. There must be a recent act or threat of physical violence. The petition must be filed in the county where the stalker/batterer lives.

There is no charge to apply for a TPO.

A protective order can:

- Direct a party to refrain from acts of violence.
- Grant a spouse possession of the residence. Order assistance in retrieving personal property.
- Exclude (evict) the abusive spouse from the home.
- Require a party to provide alternative housing.
- Grant temporary visitation/custody of children.
- Order a party to pay child or spousal support.
- Grant possession of personal property (ex: car).
- Order a party to stop harassing the other.
- Grant court costs and attorney's fees.
- Order parties to undergo psychological counseling.

**Always keep a copy of the TPO with you.
Call the police immediately if the TPO is violated.
Get extra copies for family, school, work, etc.**

For more information, filing instructions, and forms, please visit

www.gwinnettcourts.net

TPO forms can be found at the Clerk's Office in the Gwinnet County Detention Center (JAIL). Please call 770.619.6720 for more information.

**If you need assistance
filing a TPO, contact:
Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV)**

770.963.9799

or

Gwinnett Family Violence Project

678.376.9844