

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 (Misdemeanor)	770.822.8300
Gwinnett District Attorney's Office (Felony)	770.822.8400

Victim Assistance Programs

Georgia Helpline (State resources) www.hodac.org	800.338.6745
Crime Victim's Compensation Fund www.cjcc.georgia.gov/victims-compensation	404.657.2222
Crime Victim's Advocacy Council www.cvaonline.org	770.333.9254

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 http://www.gwinnettcountysheriff.com/	770.619.6500
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 www.caminarlatino.org	404.413.6348
Catholic Charities (immigration issues) www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org	678.222.3920
Our Lady of the Americas Mission https://nuestrasenoradelasamericas.com	770.717.1517
Tapestri (Refugee & Immigrant help) www.tapestri.org	404.299.2185
Raksha (South Asian) www.raksha.org	404.842.0725
New American Pathways www.newamericanpathways.org	404.299.6099
International Women's House https://internationalwomenshouse.org	770.413.5557
Ctr for Pan Asian Community Svcs, Inc. www.cpacs.org	770.936.0969

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

Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center

gsac-cac.org or 24 Hour CRISIS Line: 770.476.7407

Emergency Numbers

Police Or Fire Emergency: 911

Gwinnett Helpline: 770.995.3339

United Way Helpline: 211 or www.unitedwayatlanta.org

gwinnettcounty Solicitor's Office

Rosanna M. Szabo, 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