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Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

CONNECTICUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, there are **CONFIDENTIAL**, **SAFE**, and **FREE** services available throughout Connecticut 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Domestic Violence Services

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) has 18 member domestic violence organizations that provide **CONFIDENTIAL**, **SAFE**, and **FREE** services throughout the state. Some of these services include:

- Safety planning – safety looks different for everyone and domestic violence advocates will help you think through the pros and cons of different options
- One-on-one counseling and group support
- Emergency shelter and other housing options
- Criminal and civil court advocacy – domestic violence advocates can explain the court process, offer you guidance on getting available protections, such as a restraining order, and support you throughout the process
- Information and connections to other community-based resources such as SNAP, TANF, transportation, rental assistance, legal assistance, etc.

Access services statewide through CT Safe Connect

CALL or TEXT 888.774.2900

CHAT or EMAIL at www.CTSafeConnect.org

Advocates available 24/7



CTSafeConnect

You have the right to be safe. You can't control your partner's behavior, but you can take steps to protect yourself and your children. Safety planning works best in partnership with a domestic violence advocate. Here are some quick tips...

- **Immediate and short-term safety:** Identify a family member, friend or neighbor you can call; consider where you'll go if you need to leave immediately; identify how you can get out of your home quickly and safely.
- **Long-term safety:** Consider what important documents you need for you and your children, medications, etc.; consider what you will do with pets; gather information and passwords for important accounts.
- **Safety with children:** Teach them to call 911; ensure daycare/school knows who can pick the child up; do child's visitation exchange in a public place.

Victim Compensation

The Connecticut Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services (OVS) Victim Compensation Program offers financial help to crime victims, including victims of domestic violence, their family members, and other persons who have experienced financial loss because of a crime. Compensation may be available for, among others:

- A victim who suffered physical injury
- A victim who suffered emotional injury from a threat of either physical injury or death
- A child who witnessed domestic violence

If you are a victim of domestic violence and told law enforcement or a domestic violence or sexual assault counselor (for example, an advocate at one of CCADV's 18 domestic violence organizations) about the crime or if a judge gave you a restraining order or a civil protection order, you may be eligible.

Only expenses and losses related to the crime that are not covered by insurance or other financial sources will be considered. Some examples of covered expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Medical, dental, counseling, and prescription expenses
- Counseling for relatives of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse victims
- Lost wages because of crime-related injuries or care to a victim
- Lost wages or travel expenses for you and your relatives to attend adult court proceedings

To review a complete list of program eligibility requirements and explanation of coverage, visit jud.ct.gov/crimevictim/compensation.htm. OVS offers a series of videos explaining the victim compensation process, as well as a section of frequently asked questions.

To receive an application, call the Victim Compensation Program at (888) 286-7347, email at OVSCompensation@jud.ct.gov or visit jud.ct.gov/crimevictim.

Safe At Home (Address Confidentiality Program)

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), which is administered by the Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State, helps victims of domestic violence, among others, keep their new address confidential. The ACP offers its participants two services designed to help keep the victim's new location secret. First is the participant's use of an ACP substitute mailing address and cost-free mail forwarding services. The second part of the program prevents public access to a participant's actual address on government records including voter registry lists and keeps marriage records confidential. Applications for the program are completed by domestic violence or sexual assault counselors. To apply, please contact CT Safe Connect.