

### You Have Legal Rights

You may ask for a criminal complaint with the District Attorney General. You may request an Order of Protection, which can: prevent the abuser from further abuse; require the abuser to leave your home; prevent the abuser from harassing, stalking, or contacting you; give you custody of or visitation with your minor child(ren); require the abuser, after a court hearing, to financially support you and your minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.

#### ♥ DOES YOUR PARTNER ...

- Keep track of all your time?
- Accuse you of being unfaithful?
- Try to keep you from family and friends?
- Prevent you from working or going to school?
- Criticize, belittle, or humiliate you?
- Anger easily when drinking? Use drugs?
- Hit, slap, or punch you, your children, or your pets? try to strangle you?
- Yell or call you names?
- Blame others for problems and mistakes?
- Threaten you with a weapon or gun?
- Force you to have sex against your will?
- Accuse you of being equally abusive?

### You Can Get Help Now

If you are being abused or hurt by your partner, call the Family Violence Helpline **865.521.6336**. If you need immediate medical help, call **911**.

#### ♥ Shelters/Hotlines

- Family Violence Helpline ..... 865.521.6336
- Family Crisis Center ..... 865.637.8000
- Salvation Army ..... 865.522.4673
- Sexual Assault Center (rape) ... 865.522.7273
- National Domestic Violence Hotline ..... 800.799.SAFE(2733)
- Child Abuse & Neglect ..... 877.237.0004
- Elder Abuse/Adult Protective Services ..... 888.277.8366

#### ♥ Legal Services

- Attorney General's Office ..... 865.215.2515
- Fourth Circuit Court ..... 865.215.2404
- Legal Aid of East Tennessee ... 865.215.6830

#### ♥ Law Enforcement

- Knoxville Police ..... 865.215.6810
- Knox County Sheriff ..... 865.215.6820

24/7 FAMILY VIOLENCE HELPLINE **865.521.6336**

### Your Safety Is Important!

- ♥ An advocate can help you make a detailed safety plan for home, work, and in public.
- ♥ If you can't avoid an argument, be in a room with an exit.
- ♥ Avoid bathrooms, kitchens, garages, or anywhere near weapons.
- ♥ Practice how to get you and your children out of you home safely.
- ♥ Have a bag packed and keep it at a relative's or friend's home. Pack important papers, extra keys, medication, money, etc.
- ♥ Devise a code word to use with your children, family, friends, and neighbors when you need the police.
- ♥ Make a plan where you will go if you leave.
- ♥ Use your best instincts and judgment to keep yourself safe.
- ♥ Get a "911" cell phone at the Family Justice Center.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



**Don't Keep The Secret.**  
No one deserves to be hurt.

*One number to call*  
**865.521.6336**

*One place to go*

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

400 Harriet Tubman call for directions  
Monday - Friday | 8am - 4pm

[fjcknoxville.com](http://fjcknoxville.com)

**Ending family violence.**

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