

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

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)

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

Maryland Divorce and Separation Law, 11th ed. / John J. Condliffe & Debra b. Cruz, eds. (MSBA, 2023) (KFM 1299 .M39 2023 RESERVE)

Information and Articles

Prince George's County Domestic Violence Assistance

Assistance providers, informational events and other resources on [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.](#)

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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