

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 TTY 1-800-787-3224

[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](#)

Library Resources

Fader's Maryland Family Law, 6th ed. / Cynthia Callahan & Thomas C. Ries (LexisNexis, 2016) (KFM 1294 .C35 2016 RESERVE)

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)

Information and Articles

Maryland Access to Justice Commission

Basic information, legal providers and other resources on [COVID – 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 shelter](#)

Find a legal services provider for [domestic violence, peace and protective orders](#)

Women's Law Center of Maryland

Basic information, legal providers and other resources on [domestic violence](#)

Forms

File for a [protective order](#) if you and the alleged abuser:

- Are current or former spouses
- Have lived together in an intimate relationship for at least 90 days during the past year
- Are related by blood, marriage, or adoption
- Are in a parent-child, or stepparent-stepchild relationship and have resided together for at least 90 days during the past year
- Are in a caretaker-vulnerable adult relationship
- Are the parents of a child together
- Have had a sexual relationship within 1 year before the filing of the petition

If you do not have one of these relationships, file for a [peace order](#).

[CC-DC-DV-001](#): Petition for Protective Order

[DC-PO-001](#): Petition for Peace Order

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Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams
Chief and Administrative Judge of the
Circuit Court for Prince George's County and the
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland