

# YOU DESERVE TO BE SAFE & SUPPORTED

## About Interpersonal Violence

Interpersonal violence can happen to anyone of any race, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. It can happen in opposite-sex and same-sex relationships, whether you are married, divorced, living together, dating, separated, or have a child in common. Interpersonal violence is serious and is never okay.

**Domestic Violence & Dating Violence**, also called intimate partner violence, is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior used by one person to gain power and control. It can include physical violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse, financial abuse, and other forms of control.

**Sexual Violence** is any unwanted sexual contact or behavior that occurs with coercion, manipulation, or force and without explicit consent. It includes a range of behaviors from unwanted non-contact sexual acts to rape. In addition to the relationships listed above, sexual violence may also be committed by acquaintances, friends, family, or strangers.

**Stalking** is a pattern of unwanted attention or contact directed at a specific person that causes fear or concern for safety. It includes many behaviors including unwanted phone calls, unwanted messages, surveillance, showing up where the survivor is, and more.

## Help is Available

If you have experienced interpersonal violence, there are many people in our community who **believe you** and want to **help and support you**.

Supportive services include assisting you in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system and responding to your emotional and physical needs. Many of these services are available free of charge.

Survivors may choose to file for a protective order, file a criminal complaint, and/or access community services.

All of these options are available regardless of immigration status or what language you speak.

## Protective Orders

A protective order, granted by a judge, is protection from further acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and/or stalking.

### Why File for a Protective Order?

A judge can order the person from whom you are seeking protection to have no contact with you and/or your children; to stop other people contacting you on their behalf; to stop abusing or threatening you; to stay away from you and places you are likely to be; to leave a shared home; and to not damage or sell your property. If you have children in common you may ask the judge for temporary custody, a visitation schedule, supervised visitation, and child support. There is no fee to apply for a protective order.

### Who Can Apply for a Protective Order?

You can apply for protection from certain family members (including a spouse, former spouse, parent, child, grandparent, or grandchild), a romantic partner with whom you are currently living or have lived with in the past, a current or past dating partner, someone with whom you have a child in common, someone who sexually assaulted you, someone who is stalking you, and/or someone living in the same house as a child if the child is the victim.

You must believe you are in immediate and present danger of violence, meaning someone has physically and/or sexually assaulted you, threatened to physically injure or assault you, or has done something to place you in fear.

### Where Do I File for a Protective Order?

You can apply for a protective order in person at the Circuit Clerk's office either in the county in which you live or the county to which you have fled as a safe place.

In Fayette County you can file:  
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm  
Circuit Courthouse (120 N. Limestone)

Monday - Friday, 4 pm - 8 am, weekends, holidays  
District Courthouse (150 N. Limestone)

**You have the right to apply for a protective order 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

# FAYETTE COUNTY RESOURCES

## Fayette Co. Domestic & Sexual Violence Agencies

### Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)  
[www.ampersandky.org](http://www.ampersandky.org)

Provides free and confidential services to victims of sexual violence.

- 24/7 support line
- Counseling for individuals
- Support groups
- Accompany to sexual assault forensic exams and other medical advocacy
- Accompany to hearings, trials and other legal advocacy related to sexual violence
- Information and referrals

### GreenHouse17

1-800-544-2022  
[www.GreenHouse17.org](http://www.GreenHouse17.org)

Provides free and confidential services to victims of intimate partner abuse.

- 24/7 crisis line
- Emergency shelter
- Accompany to hearings and other legal advocacy
- Individual and group counseling
- Safety planning
- Information and referrals
- Housing assistance and financial education

## Statewide Agencies

### Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs

502-226-2704  
[www.kaasap.org](http://www.kaasap.org)

### Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence

502-209-5382  
[www.kcadv.org](http://www.kcadv.org)

## Additional Support in Fayette County

### Commonwealth Attorney's Office

116 N. Upper St., Suite 300  
859-246-2060  
[www.lexingtonprosecutor.com](http://www.lexingtonprosecutor.com)

### County Attorney's Office

Criminal Complaints: 150 N. Limestone, 3rd Floor  
Victim Advocacy: 201 E. Main St., Suite 600  
859-254-4941  
[www.fayettecountyattorney.com](http://www.fayettecountyattorney.com)

### Fayette County Sheriff's Office

150 N. Limestone, Suite 265  
859-252-1771  
[www.fayettesheriff.com](http://www.fayettesheriff.com)

### Legal Aid of the Bluegrass

300 E. Main St., Suite 110  
Protective Order Intake Line: 859-253-8620  
General Intake Line: 859-431-8200  
[www.kyjustice.org](http://www.kyjustice.org)

### Lexington Police Department

150 E Main St.  
Emergency 911 | Non-Emergency 859-258-3600

### The Nest: Center for Women, Children, and Families

530 N. Limestone  
859-259-1974  
[www.thenestlexington.org](http://www.thenestlexington.org)



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