

Are there any requirements for filing an EPO and/or a Criminal Complaint?

1. You must be 18 years of age or be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
2. You should take a picture ID with you.
3. You will need the abuser's full name **and** a work and/or home address.
4. If possible, have the abuser's birthdate and Social Security Number.

What happens afterwards?

1. Keep your EPO and DVO with you at all times. Keep copies at other places if necessary (e.g. home, work, with family members, in your vehicle).
2. Call the police immediately if the abuser does anything to violate the EPO or DVO.
3. Save all text messages and voicemails.

What is VINE (Victim Information & Notification Everyday)?

If your abuser is in jail or prison, the VINE system allows you to check his/her status anytime. You simply call **1-800-511-1670**.

The VINE system is an automated statewide notification system. It allows you to register for notifications by phone if your abuser is released. The abuser will not know if you have registered. If you choose to register with VINE, you will need to select a four digit, personal identification number (PIN). Use of the PIN is the only way to halt the notification calls—so make it easy to remember.

VINE can tell you:

1. Inmate status
2. Inmate location
3. Inmate's next court date, time and location
4. Inmate's identification and/or arrest number
5. Inmate's expected release date (if any)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

LMPD Domestic Violence Unit	574-2388
Domestic Violence Intake Center	595-0853
Center for Women & Families	581-7200
DV EPO Clerk	595-0855
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	574-5471
Warrant Office	595-3060
Family Court Division	595-3025
Jefferson County Attorney Office	574-6336
Commonwealth Attorney Office	595-2300
Adult Protective Services	595-4550
Child Protective Services	595-4550
LMPD Crimes Against Children Unit	574-2465
Child Support Division	574-8321
Legal Aid Society	584-1254
Kentucky Lawyer Referral Service	583-1801
Crisis & Information Hotline	589-4313
LMPD Crimes Against Seniors Squad	574-2278
LMPD Sex Crimes Squad	574-7672
LMPD 1st Division	574-7167
LMPD 2nd Division	574-2478
LMPD 3rd Division	574-2135
LMPD 4th Division	574-7010
LMPD 5th Division	574-7636
LMPD 6th Division	574-2187
LMPD 7th Division	574-2133
LMPD 8th Division	574-2258
MetroSafe (police dispatch)	574-7111, option 5

Report #: _____

Reporting Officer: _____

DV Detective: _____

DV Advocate: _____

Family Court Judge: _____

VINE 4-digit PIN: _____

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LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE



VICTIM RESOURCE GUIDE

**What you need to know to
STOP domestic violence.**



**LMPD Domestic
Violence Squad
502-574-2388**

The Louisville Metro Police Department is committed to serving the needs of domestic violence victims through enhanced victim safety and increased offender accountability.

If you have questions related to domestic violence, or if you need further information related to the topics discussed in this brochure, please feel free to contact the LMPD Domestic Violence Unit to speak with a detective or advocate at 574-2388.

What should you do if you are abused?

1. Attempt to get away from your abuser. Run to a neighbor’s house or barricade yourself in a room with a working phone.
2. Call the Police — 911.
3. Know that services are available regardless of immigration status.

What will happen when the police arrive?

1. The officer will diffuse the situation and establish authority over the abuser.
2. The officer will investigate and complete a report.
3. Based on the investigation, the officer may:
 - arrest
 - explain other legal options
 - refer you to social service agencies.

What is an Emergency Protective Order (EPO)?

An EPO is an order signed by a Judge which issues commands to the abuser. The Judge may grant any or all of the following:

1. Order the abuser to stop any further acts of violence.
2. Order the abuser not to sell, damage or destroy family property.
3. Order the abuser to vacate the residence.
4. Order the abuser to have no contact or communication with you.
5. Award temporary custody of dependent children.

An abuser who violates an EPO is subject to immediate arrest.

Within 14 days of receiving an EPO, a hearing will be scheduled. During this hearing, the Judge will listen to all sides and make a determination. If a finding of domestic violence is reached, the Judge will issue a Domestic Violence Order (DVO) which is good for up to three (3) years. The DVO may be renewed for another three (3) year period as necessary.

At this time, the DVO replaces the EPO, but it is essentially the same. There are two (2) things the Judge may add to a DVO:

1. Order the abuser to pay temporary child support.
2. Order counseling for one (1) or both parties.

How do you get an EPO?

You can get an EPO at the Hall of Justice or Judicial Center depending on the day and time that you go. The Hall of Justice is located in downtown Louisville at the corner of 6th and Jefferson Streets (600 W. Jefferson St.). You do not have to wait for regular business hours. You can obtain an EPO, 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

At any time (including nights, weekends and holidays), you may go to the Central Intake Center on the first floor of the Hall of Justice, located at 600 W. Jefferson Street, at the corner of 6th and Jefferson Streets. The Central Intake Center, on weekdays between 8 am and 12 am (midnight), is equipped to offer assistance with EPOs, criminal complaints, counseling and referrals to social service agencies. At all other times, clerks will offer assistance with EPOs and direct you to the Dispute Mediation and Warrants Office when you wish to also file a Criminal Complaint.

**Weekends and holidays, 10 am to 6 pm
Domestic Violence Intake Center Room 1150
502-595-0853**

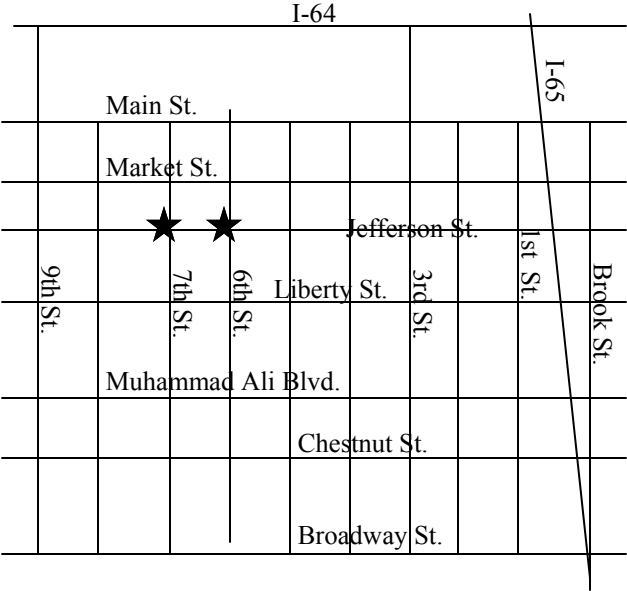
What is a Criminal Complaint?

A police officer’s power to arrest is restricted by law. When you arrive at the Court House, an intake officer will help you prepare a sworn statement. An Assistant Jefferson County Attorney will review your statement and make a recommendation to the Judge. The Judge will also review the statement and make a determination. At this time, the Judge may do any one of the following:

1. Issue an Arrest Warrant.
2. Issue a summons for the abuser to appear in court.
3. Refer the complaint to mediation.
4. Reject the complaint.

How do you file a Criminal Complaint?

Just like an EPO, you can file a Criminal Complaint at the Hall of Justice. You can file a Criminal Complaint anytime: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Hall of Justice at 6th & Jefferson Streets
Judicial Center at 7th & Jefferson Streets