



## About The Victim Services Unit

Victim Services provides assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and violent crimes. We can help you with:

- Safety planning
- Personal advocacy
- Referrals to emergency housing and community resources
- Case status updates
- Filing for Victims of Crime Program Compensation
- Victim notification
- Temporary Protection Order Assistance
- Emergency assistance
- Referrals to appropriate agencies for counseling, support and resources

Members of the Sparks Police shall not discriminate against, degrade, demean, or show partiality toward any person or organization based on race, religion, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, veteran status or other protected status under applicable law.

# General Information for Victims of Domestic Violence

Your Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name is Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Suspect Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Booking #: \_\_\_\_\_

V.I.N.E. 4-digit PIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer Notification:** I am required to make a good faith effort to explain the requirements for a domestic battery arrest and advise you of all reasonable means to prevent further abuse, including advising you of the availability of a shelter or other services in the community.

If I have probable cause to believe that an act of domestic violence has been committed against you in the past 24 hours, I am required to immediately arrest the person suspected of committing the act, unless mitigating circumstances are present. The person arrested will not be released on bail any sooner than 12 hours after his/her arrest.

If I am unable to arrest the person suspected of committing the act of domestic violence against you, the police report will be forwarded to a detective, who will investigate the case and forward it to a prosecutor for review. If the prosecutor approves the case, he/she will request a warrant or summons. The case will then be forwarded to a judge for issuance of the warrant or summons.



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## SPARKS POLICE

1701 E. Prater Way

Sparks, NV 89434

Non-emergency Dispatch

(775) 353-2231

Emergency 911

**FOR MORE CITY INFO, VISIT:**  
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# Safety Plan

- Contact your local Victim Advocate or domestic violence program
- Know the safe places that you can go (friends, family, shelters).
- Keep pocket money, important phone numbers, an extra set of house keys and car keys readily available.
- Pack and hide an overnight bag with an extra set of clothes for you and your children.
- Keep a journal of injuries, harassment or anything that just doesn't feel right. Take pictures of injuries.
- Maintain a backup of any electronic evidence (texts, photos, emails, recordings, social media),
- Make copies of important papers and hide them.

## Obtaining a Protection Order

Apply in person at the Protection Order Help Center. The Protection Order Help Center is located at the Washoe County Courthouse, 1 South Sierra Street, Third Floor, Room 308, Reno, Nevada. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. You may also file online (visit [www.washoecourts.com/domesticviolence](http://www.washoecourts.com/domesticviolence)).

**Emergency Protection Order:** If the person who committed the act of **domestic battery** has been **arrested** and is **in jail**, you may apply for an emergency protection order with the courthouse, after business hours by calling (775) 352-5000.

## V.I.N.E.

### Victim Information & Notification Everyday

V.I.N.E. is a free, anonymous, computer-based telephone service that provides information on an inmate's status and notification when released from the Washoe County Jail.

Register at (888) 268-8463 or [www.vinlink.com](http://www.vinlink.com).

## Know Your Rights:

*Under the Nevada Constitution a victim of crime is defined as anyone who is directly or proximately harmed by a criminal offense. If the victim is under 18, or incapable of asserting his/her rights, certain people can act on the victim's behalf, including the legal guardian, a family member, or another individual appointed by the court. However, the court cannot appoint the defendant to act on the victim's behalf.*

In Nevada victims of crime have certain Constitutional rights, which include:

- The right to be treated with fairness and respect and to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse throughout the criminal or juvenile justice process.
- The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the defendant.
- The right to prevent the disclosure of confidential information or records to the defendant and to refuse to be interviewed or deposed.
- The right to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, to reasonable notice of all public proceedings, and to be heard at any proceeding involving release or sentence, including parole proceedings.
- The right to provide court with information concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and to provide a sentencing recommendation.
- The right to be informed of the conviction, sentence, place and length of incarceration, or other disposition of the defendant's case.
- The right to full and timely restitution.

A victim of a sexual offense may choose a pseudonym to be used instead of the victim's name on all files, records and documents pertaining to the sexual offense.

# Community Resources

## IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911

### Domestic Violence

Protection Order Help Center .....	(775) 328-3127
Domestic Violence Resource Center .....	(775) 329-4150
Text <b>DVHELP</b> or <b>DVSAFE</b> to 839863	
HSA Domestic Violence Advocate .....	(775) 337-4468
Safe Embrace.....	(775) 322-3466
Nevada Coalition to END Domestic and Sexual Violence .....	(775) 828-1115
National Domestic Violence Hotline .....	(800) 799-SAFE (7233)

### Sexual Violence

Awaken .....	(775) 393-9183
Sexual Assault Support Services.....	(775) 221-7600
UNR Victims of Crime Treatment Center...	(775) 682-8684
National Sexual Assault Hotline.. 1 (800) 656-HOPE	(4673)

### Compensation Program

State of Nevada Victims of Crime Compensation Program Website <a href="http://www.voc.nv.gov">www.voc.nv.gov</a> .....	(775) 688-2410
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### Legal Advocacy/Assistance

Washoe Legal Services.....	(775) 329-2727
District Court Resource Center .....	(775) 325-6731
Victim/Witness Assistance Center (VWAC) ..	(775) 328-3210
Reno City Attorney's Victim Advocate .....	(775) 334-3067
Sparks City Attorney's Victim Advocate .....	(775) 353-1628

### Law Enforcement Victim Advocacy

Reno Police Department Victim Services ....	(775) 657-4519
Sparks Police Department Victim Services..	(775) 353-2217
Juvenile Services– Victim Services Coordinator .....	(775) 325-7875
Washoe County Sheriffs' Office Victim Services Unit .....	(775) 325-6454
V.I.N.E. – register at <a href="http://www.vinlink.com">www.vinlink.com</a> or call .....	(888) 268-8463

### Further Resources

Catholic Community Services.....	(775) 322-7073
Crisis Support Services of Nevada.....	(800) 273-8255
Human Services Agency.....	(775) 785-8600
National Suicide Hotline .....	(800) SUICIDE (800) 784-2433
Nevada 211.....	211
Our Place/RISE.....	(775) 327-7501
Secret Witness .....	(775) 322-4900
The Children's Cabinet.....	(775) 856-6200