

## Victim's Rights (Marsy's Law):

1. To be treated with fairness, respect, dignity and to be protected from intimidation or harm through the criminal and juvenile justice process.
2. To be informed, upon your request, about victim's rights, criminal proceedings, and if the accused is arrested, released or escapes:
  - To be notified, register with VINE at [www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com) or call 1-800-511-1670.
  - If offender is in custody, click "Find an Offender".
  - To be notified of court dates, click "Find an Offender Court Case".
3. To have your safety, dignity and privacy considered.
4. To be heard at bond, bail release, plea or sentencing.
5. To proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
6. To be present at criminal proceedings.
7. To consult with prosecution.
8. To assert your rights, have an attorney assert your rights, or request the Attorney for the Commonwealth to assert your rights.
9. To full restitution paid by the person convicted.

## PROTECTIVE ORDERS

- You can apply for an order of protection (EPO/IPO/DVO) 24 hours a day 7 days a week through any law enforcement agency.
- During office hours you may file for an order of protection at the Hardin County Justice Center Clerk's window, Monday through Friday, from 8-4:30. If you are unable to travel to the Justice Center or it is after hours, you may file for an EPO/DVO by contacting the police, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please contact the Hardin County Attorney's Office if you want assistance with this process.
- **Keep your EPO/DVO with you at all times.** Advise your family, neighbors, co-workers and your children's school of the fact that there is a court order which prevents contact.
- If the Order is violated, contact the police. If you are not in danger, you may seek enforcement at the Justice Center during regular office hours or through the Hardin County Attorney's Office.
- Go to **RegisterVPO.com** and click on your state or call 1-800-511-1670 to receive immediate notification about a protective order being served, scheduled court hearings, order expiration, amendments, and case events occur.

## Hardin County Attorney's Office

If you have questions or need information about the criminal prosecution process or need assistance with filing for a protective order please contact one of the victim advocates at the Hardin County Attorney's Office at (270) 765-6726 or [dv@hcky.org](mailto:dv@hcky.org).

You may also go to

<https://hcky.org/county-attorney/>

We are located in the old Courthouse, #100 Public Square, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.



SpringHaven, Inc. is the local domestic violence program which helps victims at no charge by providing advocacy, counseling, and shelter. Victims can seek help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The program offers a 24-hour crisis line, individual counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, shelter for victims and their dependent children, and children's programs.

Go to: [www.springhaveninc.org](http://www.springhaveninc.org) or call (270) 765-4057 for more information.

**Silverleaf** Sexual Trauma Recovery Services

Silverleaf provides free services to victims of sexual assault and their non-offending family members. Services include advocacy, education, counseling, examinations, and more. Go to: [www.silverleafky.org](http://www.silverleafky.org) or call (270) 234-9236 for more information.

## **Your Safety Planning**

- 1) During a violent incident, try to limit arguments to rooms or areas where you have access to an exit. Avoid areas where weapons might be available.
- 2) Identify one or more neighbors you can ask to call the police if they hear a disturbance coming from your home. You may want to establish a "code word" for communication.
- 3) Plan where you will go if you have to leave the home. Have a bag packed and ready at a friend or relative's house.
- 4) Review safety procedures with your children as often as possible, and teach them to dial 911.
- 5) When preparing to leave, establish your independence. Open a savings account and/or credit card in your own name, and get your own post office box.
- 6) **Keep a copy of your protective order on your person at all times.**
- 7) Always have access to a cell phone. If you don't have a cell phone, let us know and we can assist you.
- 8) Remember: Leaving your batterer is the most dangerous time. Take all precautions for your safety.
- 9) Inform your children's school, day care, etc., about who has permission to pick up your children and about any protective orders that are in place.
- 10) When on the job and in public, inform office or building security about your situation, and provide them with a picture of your batterer if possible.

## **RESOURCES**

### **Emergency.....911**

Kentucky State Police	(270) 766-5078
Elizabethtown Police Dept.	(270) 765-4125
Radcliff Police Dept.	(270) 351-4479
Vine Grove Police Dept.	(270) 877-2262
West Point Police Dept.	(270) 922-4135
Hardin Co. Sheriff	(270) 765-5133
County Attorney's Office	(270) 765-6726
Commonwealth Attorney's Ofc.	(270) 766-5170
VINE	(800) 511-1670
Springhaven Domestic Violence Crisis Line	(270) 769-1234
Silverleaf, Sexual Trauma Recovery Services	(270) 234-9236
Adult Protective Services	(502) 564-7043
KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services	1-800-372-2973
Legal Aid Society	1-800-292-1862
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)
National Sexual Assault Hotline	1-800-656-4673 (HOPE)
National Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-422-4453 (4ACHILD)
Dating Violence Hotline	1-866-331-9474 or Text LOVEIS to 22522

## **Community Resources for Victims and Witnesses**



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