

## NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm even if that person is a member or former member of your family or household.

**PLEASE TELL THE INVESTIGATING PEACE OFFICER, if the following applies -**

- \*You or your child or any other household resident has been injured
- \*You feel you are going to be in danger when the officer leaves or later

## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO –

- \*Ask the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence
- \*Apply to a court for an order to protect you ( you should consult a legal aid office, a prosecuting attorney, or private attorney) if a family or household member assaults you and is arrested, you may request that a magistrate’s order for emergency protection be issued. Please inform the investigating officer if you want an Order for Emergency Protection. You need not be present when the order is issued. You cannot be charged a fee by a court in connection with filing, serving, or entering a Protective Order. **For example, the court can enter an order that –**

- The abuser not commit further acts of violence;
- The abuser not threaten, harass, or contact you at home;
- Directs the abuser to leave your household;
- Establishes temporary custody of the children and directs the abuser not to interfere with the children or any property

**A violation of certain provisions of Court – Ordered Protection (such as (1) and (2) above) may be a felony.**

## DERECHOS DE LAS VICTIMAS/ADULTAS DEL CRIMEN

Una victima de crimen violento que ha sido puesta en riesgo de heridas corporales o muerte por la conducta criminal de otro

El pariente cercano de una victima fallecida (esposa/o, padre/madre, hija/o, miembro de familia inmediato)

El guardian de una victima que puede actuar por la victima

## QUE DERECHOS TIENE UNA VICTIMA

De recibir proteccion adecuada contra el dafio y amenazas de dano como resultado de la cooperacion con esfuerzos de proceso

De tener su seguridad considerada por el juez al establecer la fianza

**Para mayor informacion – llamada gratuita 800.983.9933**

Officer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Offense # \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

DeSoto Municipal Court 972.230.9674

Nat'l Domestic Violence Hotline  
800.799.7233

Nat'l Sexual Assault Hotline  
800.656.4673

Dallas Area Rape Crisis 214.590.0430

Child Protective Services 214.951.7902

Dallas County District Attorney  
Protective Orders 214.653.3582

Texas Victim Information Notification  
VINE 877.894.8463

Legal Services of Northwest Texas  
214.748.1234

TTY for the Deaf 800.787.3224

Texas Youth Hotline 800.210.2278

### Shelter/Housing

Brighter Tomorrows Hotline  
972.262.8383

Family Place 214.941.1991

Genesis Women's Shelter 214.942.2998

Salvation Army 214.424.7208

### Trauma Medical Treatment

Parkland Hospital 214.590.8000

Methodist Hospital Dallas 214.947.8100

## DESOTO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Victim Assistance  
Program  
for  
Family Violence  
Victims  
and  
Survivors of Violent  
Crimes

**714 E. Beltline Rd.  
DeSoto, Texas 75115  
469.658.3012 – Direct Line**

## Victims Assistance Program

The DeSoto Police Department Victims' Assistance Program is committed to helping victims of violent crimes. We strive to provide services and support to people in our community that have been identified as victims. Victims in crisis suffer both physical and psychological trauma, along with emotional and financial set-backs.

**For more information contact Victims Assistance—469.658.3012**

### RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS

As defined in Title 1; Chptr. 56, Texas Code of Criminal procedure, a victim of a violent crime is someone who -

- Suffered bodily injury or death as a result of criminally injurious conduct
- Been a victim of a crime involving sexual assault, kidnapping or aggravated robbery
- Is the close relative –spouse, parent, sibling, adult child (ren) and/or guardian of a victim

**For more information—**  
1.800.848.4284

**Full Document** –[www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs/victims\\_rights](http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs/victims_rights)

### POLICE DEPARTMENT RESOURCE INFORMATION

Police Department	469.658.3000
Juvenile Investigations	469.658.3037
Crimes Against Persons	469.658.3042
Criminal Investigation Div.	469.658.3050
Victim Assistance	469.658.3012
Dispatch	972.223.6111
Fax	469.658.0001

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### DESOTO POLICE & CLERGY—DPAC

This is a community partnership formed between the City of DeSoto, the DeSoto Police Department, pastors and ministers of local churches. The goal of the program is to provide spiritual counseling support for victims of violent crimes and family violence. Counseling is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week—

**469.658.3090.** An On-call Minister will provide needed counseling. All calls are confidential and returned with a reply within an hour or sooner.

## FAMILY VIOLENCE

Family violence occurs when one partner in a relationship attempts to dominate the other through the systematic use of force, threats and intimidation; when one family member or household member causes or attempts to cause mental and emotional or physical injury to another family member. The abuse can be physical, verbal, emotional or sexual and may include—pushing, scratching, slapping, hitting, punching, choking as some examples of various personal abuse. For more information—**National Domestic Violence Hotline—[www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)**

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is never the fault of the victim. It is usually defined as any unwanted, non-consensual sexual contact by one person against another. It may involve force, intimidation, manipulation or coercion. **Dallas Area Rape Crisis hotline—24/7 972.641.7273**

## VICTIMS' COMPENSATION

Crime Victims' Compensation is a financial assistance program administered by the Office of the Attorney General that helps eligible victims of crime with certain expenses related to the crime. It is the **“the payer of last resort”** after primary sources of payment such as health insurance; Medicaid, Medicare, etc. have been exhausted or doesn't exist.

- You must have been a victim of a violent crime in Texas or be a Texas Resident who becomes a victim in an area that does not have a compensation program.
- You must be willing to follow through in the prosecution of the case
- You must file the application within three years of the date of the crime

**Full document and information - [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us)—800.983.9933**

If you have suffered loss and/or injury from a violent crime and have questions or need help contact the DeSoto Police Dept. Victim Assistance Office—**469.658.3012**