VICTIM'S SAFETY PLAN

HAVE A SAFETY PLAN

1. **Know how to get out.** Make sure you always have a way outside.

2. **Decide where you will go.** Know ahead of time exactly where you will go. A safe place: shelter (255-1095), family member or a friend where the abuser could not find you.

3. **Pack a suitcase.** Have a suitcase or bag ready to go. Keep special items in a safe place, so that you can get them on short notice (a friend or relative's house, at work). Include:

Important Items:

Clothing, toiletries, medications, baby needs, extra money and car & house keys.

Important Documents:

Picture I.D., Birth Certificates, Bank numbers, Immunization records, Social Security Cards, Checks and credit cards.

IF YOU HAVE A PROTECTIVE ORDER:

Keep a copy of your Protective Order with you at all times.

Have your phone number changed and unlisted. Any contact with the abuser should be through legal means. i.e. attorney.

Notify schools and day care. This tells them that only you are authorized to pickup your children.

Inform your neighbors. Tell them to call the police if anything is suspicious. Show them a picture of the abuser.

A VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

RESOURCES LIST

SHELTERS

YWCA:	355-2804
South Valley Sanctuary:	255-1095
Rescue Haven:	521-5925
Marillac House:	359-0830

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Aid Society:	328-8849
Utah Legal Services:	328-8891
Lawyer Referral Service:	531-9075

CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS
281-5151

CRISIS LINES:

Domestic Violence Hotline:	1-800-897-LINK
West Jordan Victim Assistance:	566-6511
Rape Recovery Center:	467-7273
Suicide Prevention:	483-5444
Salt Lake Crisis Line:	355-2804

CRIME VICTIM REPARATIONS
238-2360

COUNSELING SERVICES

Family Support Center:	255-6881
Sandy Counseling:	944-1666
F.A.C.T.:	293-9123
S.L.Valley Mental Health	566-4423
Choices (YWCA):	355-2804

OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Jail Information Release:	1-877-UT4-VINE
Workforce Services:	468-0000
Third District Court:	238-7300
West Jordan Court:	569-5290
Information & Referral Center:	211

WEST JORDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO DOMESTICE VIOLENCE

VICTIM ASSISTANCE VAP PROGRAM

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	566-6511
POLICE DEPARTMENT	569-5270
WEST JORDAN COURTS	569-5290
WEST JORDAN PROSECUTOR	569-5140

OFFICER: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence includes a variety of abusive behaviors or threats of abuse. It can be a combination of physical, sexual, and/or verbal abuse.

WHO IS THE ABUSER?

Your partner has committed domestic violence when he/she physically harms, intimidates or causes fear in the persons with whom he/she shares living space.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Note that a victim is anyone with whom the abuser lives or has lived. For this reason victims of domestic violence can include many different people. The victim does not have to be related by blood to the abuser. Victims can include any of the following: wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, parents, stepchildren, stepparents, girlfriends, boyfriends, roommates, guest, etc.

WHAT IS ABUSE?

Disagreements and arguments are often part of a normal relationship. But physical violence or other abusive behavior is not normal! Abuse comes in many forms. Listed below are some questions to ask yourself that will help identify the different types of abuse you have experienced.

Physical Abuse: Has your partner ever pushed, slapped, or hit you? Kept you from leaving? Kicked, choked or thrown things at you?

Emotional Abuse: Has he/she ever threatened or intimidated you? Isolated you socially from family and friends? Used the children to manipulate you? Monitored your phone calls? Called you names? Humiliated you in private or in public? Ignored your feelings?

Sexual abuse: Does your partner become angry if you glance at someone of the opposite sex? Has he/she ever accused you of having affairs? Forced you to have sex? Committed sadistic sexual acts?

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The West Jordan Victim Assistance Program assists victims and witnesses of violent crimes. For information and support services contact the Victim Assistance Program at 566-6511.

INFORMATION:

Referrals to various community resources.
Victims Rights.
Details of your case.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

Crisis intervention.
Assistance in filing ***Protective Orders.***
Assist in obtaining copies of police reports.
Support in court proceedings.

Protective Orders:

Protective Order May Be Obtained At:

Third District Court
450 South State Street Rm. W17

This process can take up to 4-6 hours. It is best to arrange childcare if possible.

WHAT IS A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

An order issued by the Third District Court giving the victims of domestic violence protection from further abuse.

Protective Orders differ from restraining orders. To obtain a restraining order you must go through a private attorney.

There are two Parts to the Protective Order: The: Ex-Parte order is good for approximately 21 days then there will be a hearing for the permanent Protective Order.

There is **No Cost** for a Protective Order.

Eligibility Requirements:

To obtain a Protective Order at least ONE of the following must apply to you and your abuser:

1. Are married or have been married
2. Have a child in common
3. Are related by blood or marriage
4. Have resided together at some time
5. Are 16 years of age or older and are not the parent, stepparent or guardian of the abuser.

Items Needed to Obtain The Order:

When applying for a Protective Order, take the following information with you:

1. Names and addresses of places, that the abuser must avoid (home, work schools, day-care, family members' homes).
2. Addresses where officers can find and serve the abuser with the court papers.
3. Descriptions of acts of violence against you and /or your children. Police case number if police have been called.
4. Pictured I.D. Is required.

A Protective Order Can:

1. Order the abuser to physically stay away from you, your family, and your place of employment.
2. Order the abuser to have no contact with you – physically, by phone or through other people.
3. Order the abuser to refrain from threatening you or your family.