



Victim Support Services

C.C.S.O. Survivor Messaging Portal User Guide

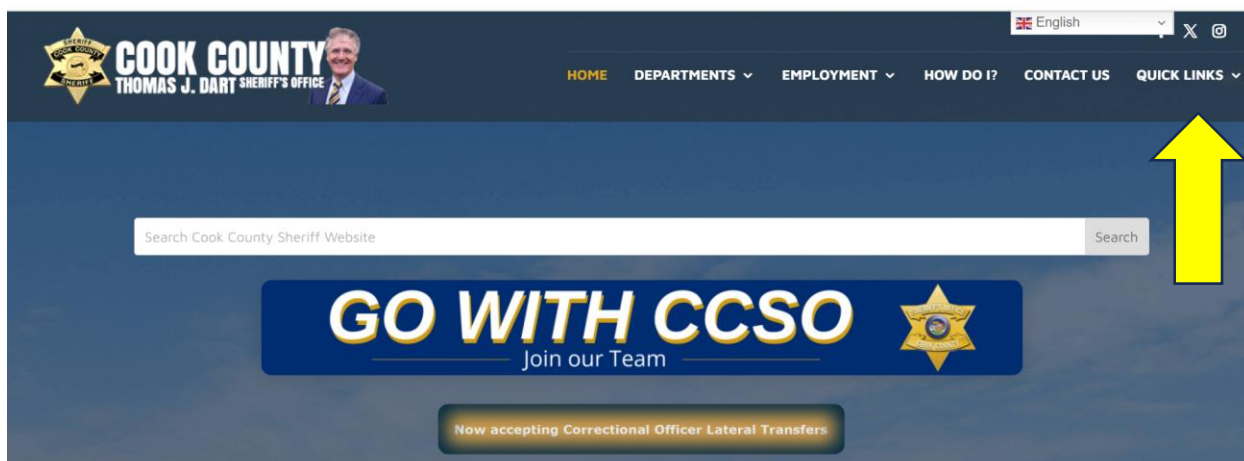
Introduction for Domestic Violence Survivor Messaging Portal

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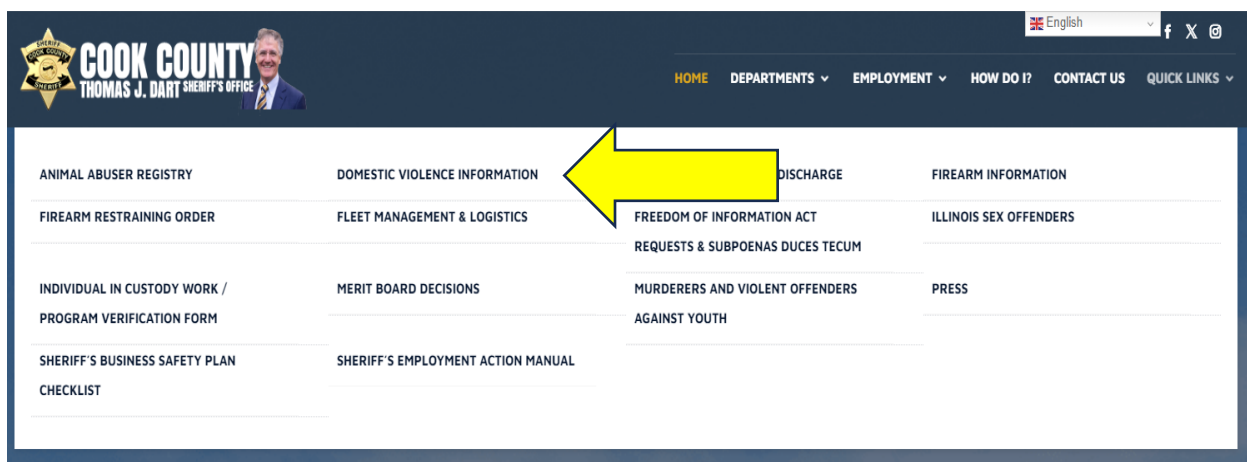
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How to Access the Civil Service Process Lookup

- 1.) Survivor will access the portal via CCSO Public Website
<https://www.cookcountysheriffil.gov/>



- 2.) The user will click on Quick Links then Civil Process Service Lookup



3.) You have been re-directed to the Domestic Violence Survivor Resource Page.

Welcome to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's, Domestic Violence Survivor Resource Page!

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4.) Scroll down to the Domestic Violence Survivor Messaging Portal section and click on the link to access the portal.

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5.) This is the Civil Process Service Lookup

THIS IS THE CCSO TEST E-FILE SITE WHICH CONTAINS ONLY TEST DATA.

Civil Process Service Lookup

SEARCH BY

-- Select --

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I DO NOT ACCEPT

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User Instruction Guides

Click on the following links to view instructions that will guide you throughout the case filing process:

- [Introduction](#)
- [Log in and Select Language](#)
- [Creating an Account](#)
- [Access the New E-File Case Page](#)
- [Create New E-File](#)
- [Add a Service](#)
- [Uploading Documents to Service Requests](#)
- [Summary](#)
- [Payment](#)
- [Receipts](#)
- [Full Instruction Guide](#)

E-File Instructional Video



6.) Survivor will enter the case number, accept the terms, and then complete captcha to begin the search

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-- Select --

Case Number

Sheriff Number

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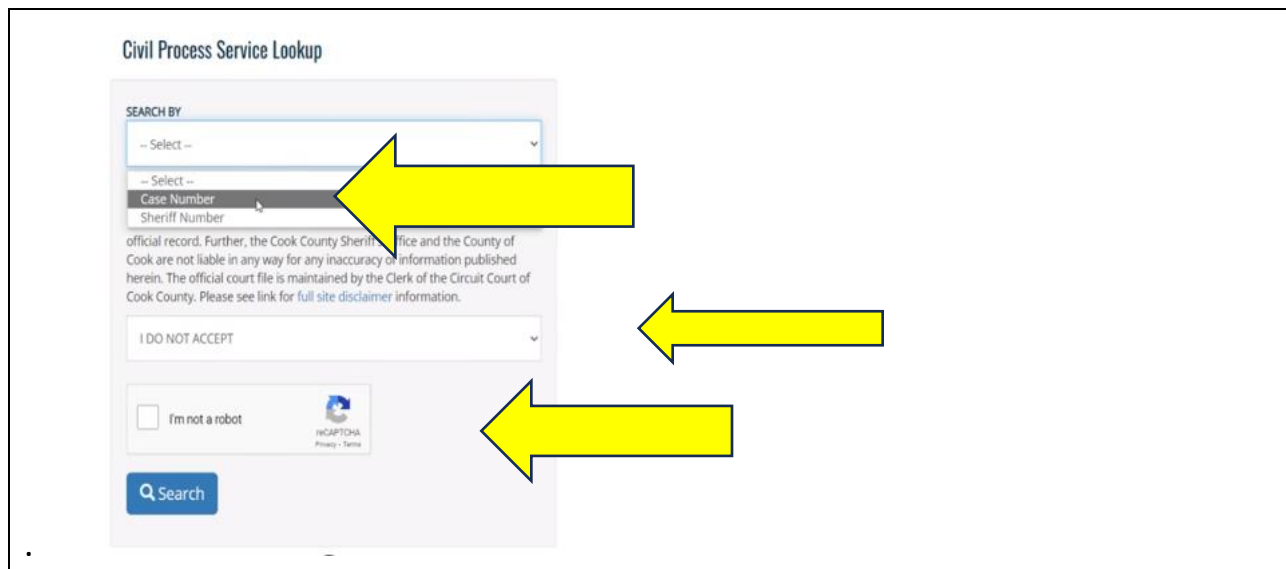
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7.) Enter PIN and click “Search”

Search Results

By using this search tool, you acknowledge that you understand that it is solely your responsibility to verify any information you may obtain herein before relying on said information for any type of legal action.

Case Number casehenry02	
Sheriff Number 20082397	Status PENDING

PLEASE ENTER THE FOUR-DIGIT PIN YOU CREATED ON YOUR ORDER OF PROTECTION INFORMATION SHEET TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

 Search

8.) Survivor provides information to CCSO and clicks save.

ORDER OF PROTECTION INFORMATION PORTAL

Message Sent 04/04/2024 11:27 AM
Message Sent 04/04/2024 11:13 AM. Acknowledged by CCSO 04/04/2024
Message Sent 04/04/2024 11:35 AM. Acknowledged by CCSO 04/04/2024

SERVICE ATTEMPT INFORMATION
No Service Attempt has been made yet.

Secure Message Center
To provide a secure message regarding service to Sheriff's Office staff please enter information below, such as alternative service locations and ideal times to make service. If you request a response, please provide contact information. This system is not for emergency use. Call 911 if this is an emergency.

TYPE YOUR MESSAGE

DO YOU REQUEST A RESPONSE?
Yes

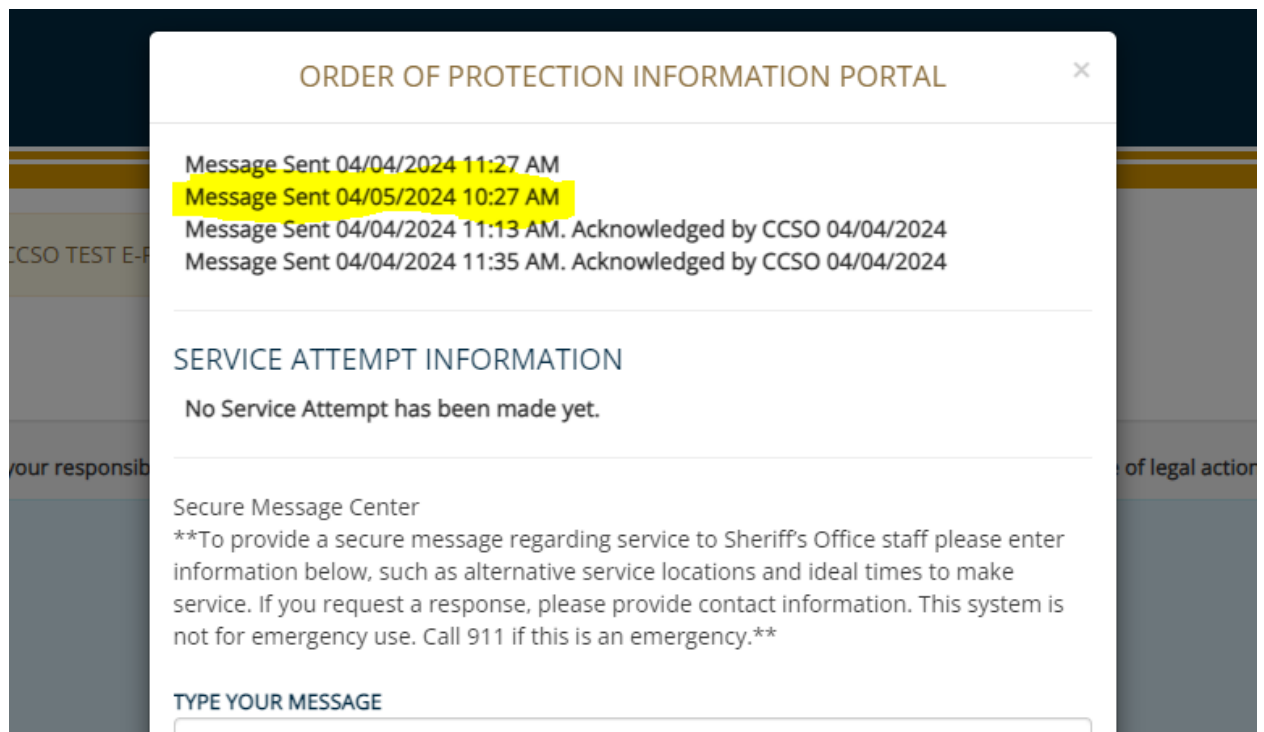
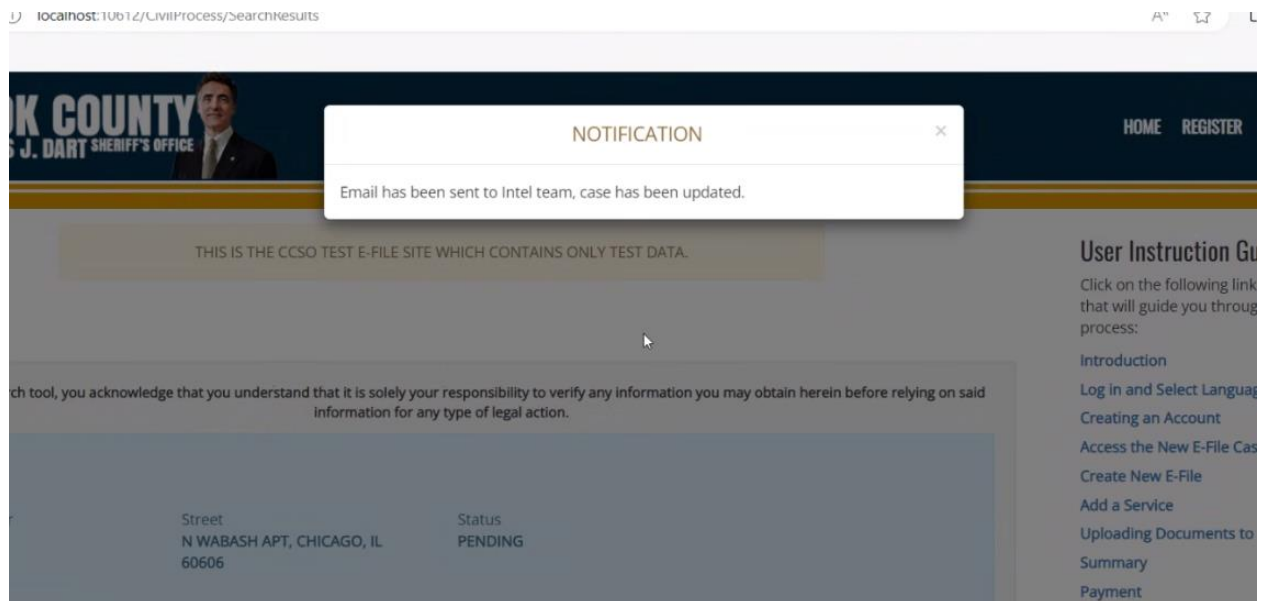
SAFE DATE AND TIME TO CALL YOU?
04/12/2024 11:26 AM

RESPONSE INFO
(222) 222-2222

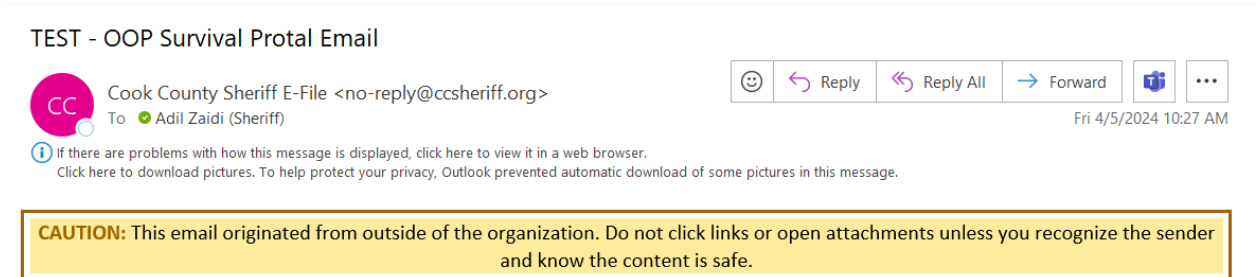
Save

Your message will be read within at least 24 hours during business days
For any additional information on this Order of Protection or support please call a Domestic Violence Liaison for the Sheriff's Office at (708) 232-4545 For information on the Order of Protection process and resources for petitioners please visit [Cook County Domestic Violence Site](#).

- 9.) An email is sent securely to CCSO, and a notification is provided to the survivor in the browser. The timestamp of the message is provided upon next search after pin verification and does not include any context of what was sent in the message. A link will be displayed that contains additional resources and information to assist the survivor.



- 10.) CCSO receives email notification and clicks the hyperlink to acknowledge receipt. Upon acknowledgment, the CCSO system will log the person who clicked the link with the date and time.



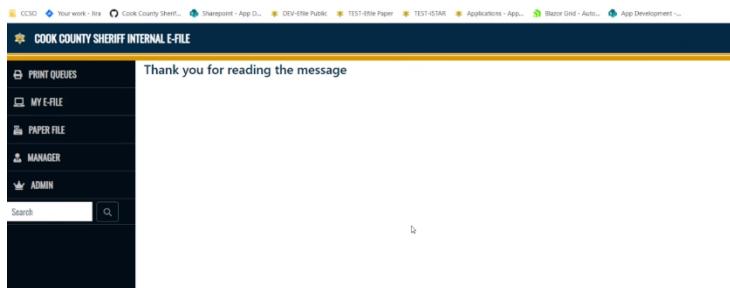
The following message was generated from an application in a CCSO dev or test environment.

This is a test message for Sheriff Number: 20082397, the following update message will be going to the Intel team:

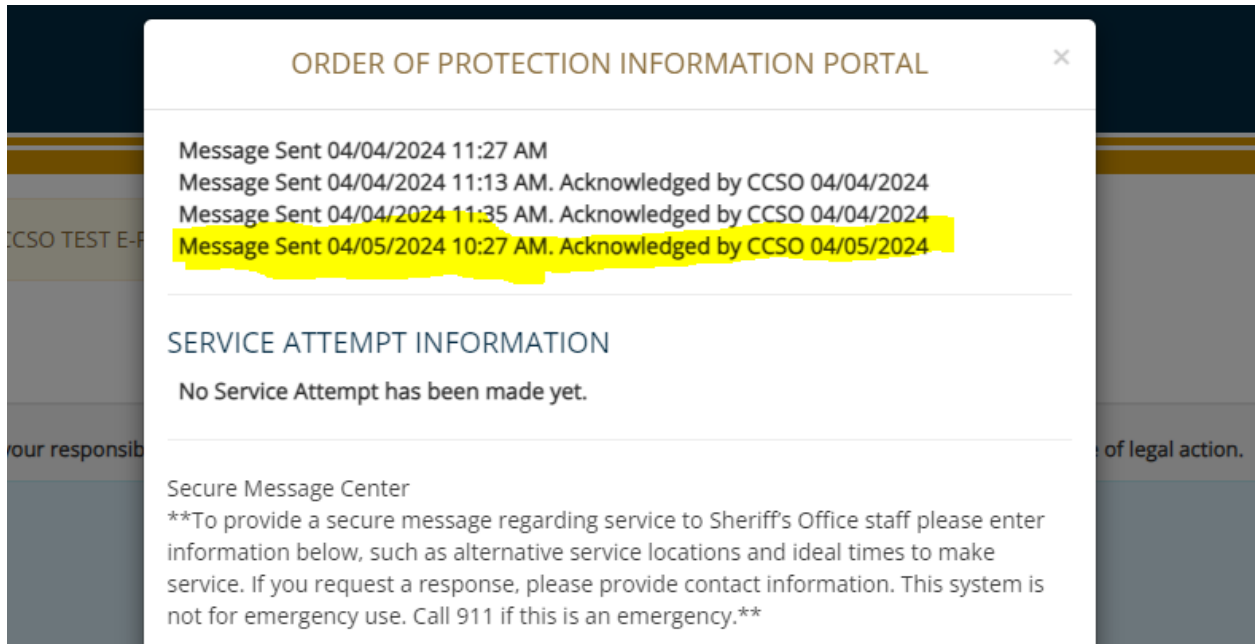
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[Click here to notify that the request has been received by Intel team.](#)
[Click here to go to case on Internal Efile.](#)
[Click here to go to lstar case page.](#)

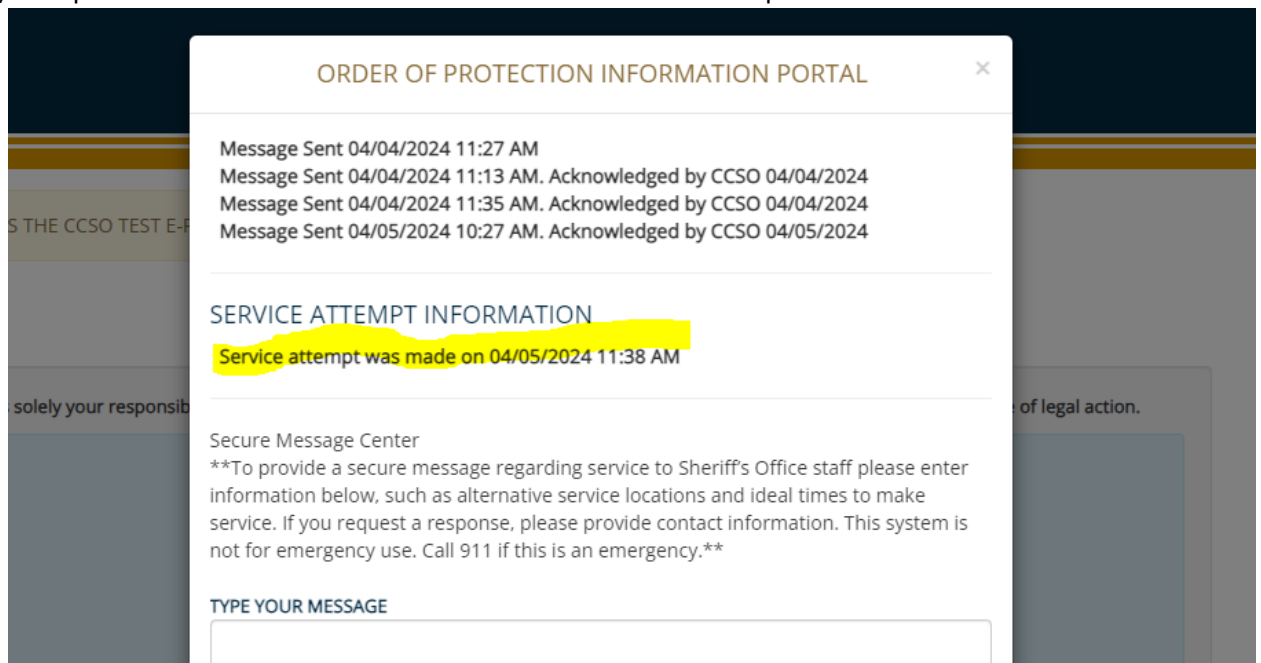
Survivor would like a response: Yes
Response Type-Time: 4/12/2024 11:26:00 AM
Response Info: 2222222222



11.) Survivor can search again and see acknowledgement of the timestamp.



12.) Example of what is shown when there has been a service attempt made.



13.) Example of what is shown when the OP has been served.

Information for any type of legal action.

Case Number 909090909	Street N WABASH APT, CHICAGO, IL 60606	Status SERVED
Sheriff Number 20036078	Service Type Substitute Service	
Service Date 10/25/2023 12:00 AM		

Search Again

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The Sheriff's Office is here to help

Sheriff Tom Dart created a Unit to better serve victims of domestic violence (DV) and human trafficking named Victim Support Services (VSS). This Unit is comprised of qualified domestic violence, and/or sexual assault and human trafficking survivors. Staff are 40-hour DV trained and include license clinicians. Bilingual staff is available. VSS Domestic Violence Liaisons can be reached at (708) 232-4545 Monday through Saturday.

This is NOT an emergency phone number.

IF YOU ARE EXPERENCING AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

As a Domestic Violence victim, you have legal rights!

Below are frequently asked questions (FAQ's) and a short summary of the rights and resources designed to assist domestic violence victims.

Q: Now that I'm here, is there any assistance that is out there for me?

A: Yes. There are several helpful resources available for individuals who have experiences like yours.

Q: Where could I find out more information about the resources available to me?

A: The best places to start if you live in Illinois is the the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 877-863-6338 or 877-863-6339(TTY), [The Network](#). If you live in other states start at 800-799-7233 the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

Please Note: If you have challenges navigating resources, please call CCSO's Victim Support Service Domestic Violence Liaison at 708-232-4545

Q: As a Domestic Violence Victim, are there any laws created to help me?

A: Yes. The Illinois Domestic Violence Act outlines the laws in place to guide and implement safety measures for domestic violence victims.

Your Rights At-A-Glance

Here's a look at your rights and available resources designed to guide you through this tough time. Did you know that domestic violence victims and their families have rights? THE ILLINOIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT OF 1986 (750 ILCS 60/) states you have the following rights:

1. You have the right to file for an Order of Protection (Emergency, Civil No-Contact Order, Stalking No-Contact Order and/or Firearm Restraining Order).
2. You have the right to have your filed emergency Order of Protection petition NOT be publicly available until the petition is served to the respondent.
3. You have the right to request that your children and/or additional family members be added to your Order of Protection order.
4. You have the right (free of charge) to file, amend, vacate, certify, or photocopy an Order of Protection.
5. You have the right to simplified forms and clerical assistance to help with the writing and filing of an Order of Protection petition.
6. You have the right to connect with a Certified Domestic Violence Advocate for free services offered through a Domestic Violence Agency.
7. You have the right to THE VICTIMS' ECONOMIC SECURITY & SAFETY ACT (VESSA) (820 ILCS 180/1 et seq. 56 Ill. Adm. Code 280)

- What is VESSA? – an act that protects employment security and workplace safety of domestic violence victims.
- What does VESSA provide? – a legal right to: protecting against discrimination, reasonable accommodations to workplace facilities and a yearly allotment (up to 12 weeks) of unpaid leave.
- What does VESSA safeguard? – group health plan benefits are maintained through duration of allotted leave "under the conditions coverage would have been provided if the employee continued to work".

8. If you are a victim of a violent crime, you have the right to apply for Assistance for Victims of Violent Crimes.

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How do I petition the court for an Order of Protection?

For instructions on how to petition the court for an Order of Protection, please click on one of the courthouses nearest to you listed below. If you would like to petition the courts after-hours or E-file, please click the corresponding link below.

[Maywood Courthouse](#)[555 Harrison Domestic Courthouse](#)[Daley Center Courthouse](#)[Rolling Meadows Courthouse](#)[Skokie Courthouse](#)[Markham Courthouse](#)[Maywood Courthouse](#)[E-Filing Instructions](#)[Emergency After-Hours Order of Protection Instructions](#)

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Should I be thinking of a safety plan?

If you are in a situation that you may be feeling unsafe for yourself or your children, you need a safety plan. It is best to create your safety plan with a certified domestic violence advocate. We've provided the below links to help you start thinking about what that plan looks like.

- [Create a Safety Plan](#)
 - [Safety Planning with Children](#)
 - [Safety Planning with Pets](#)
 - [Safety Planning During Pregnancy](#)

Additional Domestic Violence Resources

- [Warning Signs](#)
- [Situations Involving Children](#)
- [Supporting Survivors](#)
- [LGBTQ Survivors](#)
- [Male Survivors](#)
- [Search the National Domestic Violence Hotline's Service Provider Directory](#)
- [Immigrant Survivors](#)
- [Legal Aid](#)
 - If you or someone you know are experiencing a domestic violence situation and are afraid to reach out because of your immigration status, please contact [Legal Aid Society](#). Call their voice message hotline anytime at (312) 986-4105. Leave your name and phone number, and their intake specialists will call you back.
 - [Domestic Incident Notice](#)

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To speak immediately with a domestic violence professional, call one of these 24-hour hotlines:

Illinois Domestic Violence Helpline (877) 863-6338 TTY 1(877) 863-6339

National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233 TTY 1 (800) 787-3224

Attention Service Providers

For agencies looking to assist DV victims/survivors that CCSO Victim Support Services Unit comes into contact with, please fill out the referral form attached and send back to CCSO.VictimSupportServices@ccsheriff.org.

[Referral Form](#)