

RESOURCES

Cook County States Attorney's Office

2121 W. Euclid Avenue
Rolling Meadows, IL
Tel: 848-818-2326

Between Friends (Civil Orders)

Tel: 847-818-8900

Community Crisis Center, Elgin

24hr Hotline & Shelter
Tel: 847-697-2380
Español: 847-697-9740

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS): 1-800-25-ABUSE

Northwest Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NWCASA)

24hr Hotline: 888-802-8890
Tel: 847-806-6526

Safe From the Start, Streamwood

Tel: 630-540-0549

Life Span

24hr Hotline: 847-824-4454

WINGS Program Inc.

24hr Hotline: 847-221-5680

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Tel: 800-799-SAFE
TDD: 800-787-3224

Chicagoland Domestic Violence Help Line:

Tel: 877-863-6338
TTY: 877-863-6339

Hanover Township: (Welfare Services)

Tel: 630-540-9085



Streamwood Police Department

401 E. Irving Park Road
Streamwood, IL 60107
630-736-3700



Domestic Violence Informational Guide

Streamwood Police Department

Tel: 630-736-3700

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Each day, thousands of people become victims of domestic violence. Whether you are a victim, or know someone who is a victim, there are resources available to help. Through education and support, victims can become survivors of domestic violence.

What is Domestic Violence & Who is Involved?

Battery is a crime. Any person who: hits, chokes, kicks, threatens, harasses or interferes with the personal liberty of another family or household member, has broken the law. Household members include: spouses (present and former), parents, children, stepchildren, people related by blood or by marriage, and people who share a child. It also includes roommates (past and present) and people who have a dating relationship.

What Can You Expect When the Police are Called?

When you contact the Streamwood Police Department to report a domestic incident, expect that a full investigation into the incident will be initiated. This will include questioning all parties involved. Not all domestic incident reports will end in an arrest. If the police determine that a domestic crime has occurred, an arrest is mandatory. Once it is determined that one of the parties will be arrested, that person will be taken to the Police Department and will remain confined until a bond hearing can be held before a judge.

If an arrest is not made, the incident will be documented and referral sources will be given to the victim and his/her family. Whether or not an arrest is made, the responding officer will arrange transportation to a safe location if requested.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Bond Hearings

A bond hearing is a court proceeding where a judge hears the facts of the case and then determines the appropriate amount of bond that the defendant will need to post to be released. Bond hearings are usually held the day after an arrest. As a condition of the bond, the defendant will not be allowed to contact the victim, or enter the home of the victim, for 72 hours after bond is posted. If the defendant violates this condition, he/she could possibly be arrested again. If bond cannot be posted, the defendant will remain in custody at the county jail until bond is posted. The victim may receive information on a defendant's custody status or court date information by calling the Automated Victim Notification line at **877.846.3445**.

Future Court Proceedings

There will be additional court dates set after the bond hearing. The victim's appearance is mandatory unless excused by the judge. The victim will not need to hire an attorney, as the State's Attorney's office will serve as his/her representative. The decision to drop criminal charges rests solely with the State's Attorney's Office.



ORDERS OF PROTECTION

What is an Order of Protection?

An Order of Protection is a court order that:

- ◆ Is available only to family or household members.
- ◆ Prohibits an abuser from certain activities. This can include future abuse and harassment. It can also bar an abuser from returning to the home or the victim's place or employment.
- ◆ Orders an abuser to take certain actions. This can include paying child support, medical costs, and legal expenses. It can also include undergoing counseling.

How Do I Get An Order?

- ◆ It is strongly recommended that the victim attend the bond hearing and talk to the State's Attorney in the court room.
- ◆ Contact a nearby domestic violence or advocacy program. (See "Resources")
- ◆ Go to the local circuit clerk's office and request paperwork (civil order)
- ◆ Ask an attorney to file a petition in civil court.
- ◆ Request an order in conjunction with a divorce proceeding.
- ◆ The order of protection is enforceable only after the defendant has been served. It is strongly recommended that the victim become familiar with the order and keep a copy with him/her at all times.