

You have the right to be informed about the criminal justice system and your potential role in the process. You should be advised of the case progress and be notified in advance of your role and the need to be present if a hearing or court date is established.

We strive to provide you with comprehensive information regarding the status of all court dates, including but not limited to; arraignments, trials, hearings and plea bargains which may affect your case.

It is our goal to provide you with information and resources available to you such as victims' compensation and other supportive services. We are here to help.

### Helpful Phone Numbers

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Hudson Police Department Victim Witness Advocate	886-6011
Nashua District Court	855-212-1234
Hillsborough County Superior Court	855-212-1234
Bridges Crisis Service 24-Hour Crisis Line	889-0858 883-3044
DCYF	1-800-894-5533
NH Victim's Assistance Commission	1-800-300-4500

### Helpful Phone Numbers (continued)

Info-Bank Nashua	883-9330
Southern NH Medical Center	577-2000
St. Joseph Hospital	882-3000
Southern NH Services	889-3440
The Youth Council	889-1090
Probation/Nashua Office	886-3444
Federal Probation	225-1515
Valley Street Jail	627-5616
State Prison	271-1081

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Mission Statement

To provide professional police service  
in partnership with the community  
through mutual respect and cooperation





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# Victim Assistance



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*The Hudson Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality of services possible to our community. Your safety is imperative. Our hope is you will find this informative guide for crime victims and witnesses helpful.*

*We are here to help.*

## **Domestic Violence**

*What you should know...*

Domestic abuse knows no boundaries; men, women, children and elderly, regardless of race, class, sexual orientation or economic status are victims.

It is a crime for anyone to assault or threaten you, even if that person is a spouse, ex-spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, household or family member, someone you are dating or someone you once dated.

Abuse emerges in many forms. Abuse can be Physical, Emotional, Sexual, Verbal and Economical. Domestic Violence revolves around Power and Control. Often abusers are isolating, jealous and possessive.

Everyone has the right to be protected. A restraining order is one tool to keep you and your children safe. Anyone in fear of abuse by a family or household member, current or former intimate partner may qualify for a restraining order.

## **HOW TO OBTAIN A RESTRAINING ORDER:**

Go to **Nashua District Court** or **Hillsborough County Superior Court** at 30 Spring Street, Nashua, NH. If you are not a resident of Hudson or Nashua, go to your *local courthouse*. If the court is closed, you may go to your local police department for an emergency restraining order.

Next, fill out the appropriate paperwork, providing as much information as possible. Once the court has issued the temporary order, read and be familiar with the order and how it works. **Keep a copy with you at all times.**

Finally, a date for a hearing will be scheduled. You must attend this hearing and bring any evidence that you may have to support your petition. The judge will hear both sides and decide if the restraining order will be granted for a one year period.

In addition to keeping a copy of the order on your person at all times, consider giving a copy to a trusted friend, neighbor or family member and report any violation immediately to the local police.



## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS**

You should notify the police immediately if you have been a victim of any of the following crimes:

- \* Assault (631:2-a)
- \* Threats (631:4)
- \* Stalking (633:3-a)
- \* Harassment (644:4)
- \* Obstructing the report of a crime (642:10)
- \* Criminal Mischief (634:2)
- \* Criminal Restraint (633:2)
- \* False Imprisonment (633:3)
- \* Violation of a Protective Order (173:B-8)
- \* Sexual Assault

Domestic Violence crimes are not limited to those listed above. If you have any questions please call Victim Witness Advocate Jeri Cloutier (603) 886-6011.

## **Your Rights...**

As a victim of a crime, you are entitled to be treated with dignity and compassion. You are to be free from intimidation and coercion from anyone concerning or involving your case.

It is our goal to help you understand the criminal process. As a victim you may feel overwhelmed and fearful. These feelings are normal and expected. We are here to help, listen and provide unlimited support.