

Domestic Violence, Dating Abuse and Family Law Resources for UW-Madison Students

Legal Resources

- **Dane County District Attorney's Office –Domestic Violence Unit: (608) 284-6880:** When the abuser has been arrested, this office can provide information about victim rights and the criminal case. The victim can give input about bail conditions and other issues as the case progresses.
Website: www.co.dane.wi.us/daoffice/domestic.htm
- **Dane County Family Court Commissioner: (608) 266-4166:** Provides a variety of services in the areas of divorce and paternity. Also issue temporary restraining orders in cases of domestic abuse or harassment and can waive filing fees.
Website: www.co.dane.wi.us/familycourtcounseling/ohercourtservices.html
- **Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) Legal Program: (608) 251-4445:** DAIS legal advocates provide support, information, and assistance to people who have experienced domestic abuse. Services include legal advocacy, assistance from restraining orders, family law, the criminal justice system, and attorney referrals.
Website: <http://www.abuseintervention.org/helpLegalResources.html>
- **Family Law Assistance Center**
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.1:30 p.m.
Room 226, City/County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Madison
Volunteers can assist you in completing family law forms.
- **State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service**
(608) 257-4666
1-800-362-9082
Website: www.wisbar.org
- **UW Legal Information Center: (608) 265-2396**
Free legal information for low-income people on divorce, name changes, small claims court, landlord/tenant issues, and traffic law issues. Also provides lawyer referrals.
Website: <http://legalinfo.rso.wisc.edu/>



Other Resources

- **Madison Police Department:**
Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: (608) 255-2345
- **Dane County Sheriff's Department: (608) 284-6824**
You can call to see if someone has been served with a restraining order. They will also respond to rural areas around Madison if a town's police station is closed or if the town does not have a police station.
Website: www.co.dane.wi.us/shrf/domestic.htm
- **Dane County Jail—Central Booking: (608) 284-6100**
You can call to see if a person is still in jail. You do not have to give your name to obtain the information.
- **Dane County Human Services: (608) 242-6200**
You can call this number to report a person who is abusing your children.
- **Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)**
If your partner is in the Dane County Jail System, you can get information about your partner's jail status, criminal court dates and amount of bail by calling VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) confidentially and toll-free at **1-877-418-8463**, 24 hours a day. It is an automated system.
Website: <http://www.uwpd.wisc.edu/pamphlets/VictimsRights.pdf>
- **Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV): 255-0539**
WCADV advocates for the rights of victims of domestic violence and dating abuse and provides services to ensure the safety and well-being of victims. You can call them if something about your relationship with your partner scares you and you need to talk, they recommend calling them at the number listed above. You will be able to talk to someone about your situation, your safety, and the options available to you.
Website: www.wcadv.org

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