



## **Victim Services Program**

*Our mission is to provide assistance, support, and protection to victims and their families and to educate them about Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice Process.*

### **City of Casa Grande Attorney's Office**

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*Hablamos Español*

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Domestic Violence is against the law. Domestic violence is abuse by an intimate partner, spouse, parent, or relative. Domestic violence occurs in many different forms. Some examples are:

**Physical:** Pushing, shoving, grabbing, hitting, slapping, pinching and choking

**Verbal/Emotional:** Name calling, yelling, constant criticism and put-downs, threatening/ intimidating, and making it difficult for you to visit with family or friends

**Sexual:** Forcing sex on an unwilling partner, demanding sexual acts, forcing uncomfortable sex, and criticizing sexual activity

**Financial Abuse:** Controlling access to money or bank accounts. Preventing you from education or career opportunities, and controlling where you are allowed to work

*IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, INCLUDING ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM, CALL 9-1-1 OR THE CASA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (520) 421-8700.*

## **ORDER OF PROTECTION**

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you may obtain an Order of Protection from any court or online at [azpoint.azcourts.gov](http://azpoint.azcourts.gov), AZPoint Protective Orders. An Order of Protection is a court order issued by the judge intended to prevent a domestic/ intimate partner or related person from threatening, harassing, or stalking a victim.

## **INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT**

An Injunction Against Harassment is a court order issued by the judge intended to prevent a nonrelated, non-domestic/intimate partner from threatening, harassing or stalking another person.

## **CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

If a parent is being abused and the children are there to witness the abuse, they may feel scared, confused, and guilty. Talk to your children and let them know that what happened is not their fault and that they will be safe. If you need help ensuring your children's safety, please contact the City Attorney's Office, Victim Services Program at: (520) 421-8600. *Hablamos Español*

## **SAFETY PLAN**

It is also important to develop a safety plan for yourself and your children. Planning in advance for your safety can help prevent the possibility for further violence.

Some of the following steps include:

- If an abusive situation arises, make preparations to leave. Arrange for a safe place to stay, any time of the day or night.
- Teach your children to call the police, neighbor, relative or friend.
- Select a code word that your children, friends or neighbors know to call the police immediately.

## **WHO IS A VICTIM?**

"Victim" is defined by the Constitution of Arizona as a person against whom the criminal offense has been committed, including a minor, or if the person is killed or incapacitated, the person's spouse, parent, child, grandparent, sibling, or other person who may be related to the victim, or other lawful representative of the victim, except if the person is in custody for an offense or is the accused. Victims of misdemeanor crimes that occur within the Casa Grande City limits are provided with victims' rights information from the City Attorney's Office Victim Services.

## **VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

If you are a victim in a criminal case as defined by Arizona State Law, you are entitled to Victims' Rights.

As a victim you have the right:

- To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal justice process.
- To be present at, and upon request, to be informed of all criminal proceedings where the defendant has the right to be present.
- To confer with the prosecution, after the crime against the victim has been charged, before trial, or before any disposition of the case, and to be informed of the disposition.
- To designate a lawful representative to exercise your rights in the event you are unable to do so.
- To leave work to attend court proceedings or obtain an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment to ensure your safety, if your employer is in Arizona and has 50 or more employees.

## **RESTITUTION**

If criminal charges are filed and the defendant is convicted, you may be eligible for restitution. Restitution is compensation for out-of-pocket expenses such as medical expenses, loss of wages, or property damage that you had as a direct result of being a victim of a crime.

## **Victim Compensation**

Victim Compensation is a program administered through the County Attorney's Office that provides financial assistance to crime victims. A victim may apply for victim compensation to cover medical expenses, behavioral health counseling expenses or loss of wages.

## **OUR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

**Assist victims** with information about their case, constitutional rights and court proceedings.

**Escort victims** to all court proceedings and prosecution interviews. Provide support and advocacy to victims.

**Welfare Checks** - Work with the police department to conduct welfare checks on victims who are in a violent or life-threatening situation with their abuser, and/or their children have witnessed the violence or have been abused themselves.

**Victim Services Volunteers/Interns**- Recruit and train volunteers to provide direct assistance, information, support and advocacy to victims.

The City of Casa Grande Attorney's Office Victim Services Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, limited English proficiency or disability, not only in respect to employment practices, but also in the provision of services.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against, you can file a complaint with one of the following agencies:

- Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs at: <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/filing-civil-rights-complaint>
- Arizona Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Administration by email to: [VOCACivilRights@azdps.gov](mailto:VOCACivilRights@azdps.gov)

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## **RESOURCES**

Resources are agencies that provide assistance and services to individuals and families in local communities.

### **24 Hour Community Information & Referral**

1-800-352-3792

### **Against Abuse, Inc.**

La Casa de Paz Women's Shelter (24 Hour Crisis Line)  
P.O. Box 10733 • Casa Grande, AZ  
(520) 836-0858

### **Child Abuse Hotline**

1-888-767-2445

### **Arizona Department of Child Safety**

1119 E. Cottonwood Ln. Casa Grande, AZ  
520-858-8880

### **Arizona Department of Economic Security Family Assistance Administration**

555 W. Main Ave. Casa Grande, AZ  
1-855-432-7587

### **Child Care Resource & Referral**

2800 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85716  
1-800-308-9000

### **Adult Protective Services**

1-877-767-2385

### **Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens**

8969 W McCartney Rd. Casa Grande, AZ  
520-836-2758

### **Community Action Human Resources Agency (~~CAHRA~~)**

(Homeless, Utilities, Home Repairs)  
109 N. Sunshine Blvd. Eloy, AZ  
520-466-1112

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

(Food, Clothing & Utilities)  
405 E. 2nd St., Casa Grande, AZ  
520-836-2009

**Seeds of Hope**

702 E. Cottonwood Lane, Casa Grande, AZ  
520-836-6335

**Hot Lunch Program**

Fountains of Living Water Church  
518 E. 2nd St.  
(Mon. - Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.)  
520-836-6335

**Seeds of Hope**

After-School Program/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program  
Mondo Anaya Community Center  
1487 N. Crane St.  
520-836-6335

**Pinal Hispanic Council Behavioral Health Agency**

Counseling and Prevention Services  
107 E. 4th St. Eloy, AZ  
520-466-7765

*The City Attorney's Office does not endorse or partner with listed agencies.*