

What is Domestic Violence?

- **Emotional abuse** can be continual criticism, isolation from family/friends, threats, and humiliation.
- **Financial abuse** is controlling how money is spent, denying access to bank accounts, sabotaging employment, withholding money for basic needs, and demanding a partner's public benefits.
- **Physical abuse** can include pushing, slapping, choking, trapping a partner, reckless driving to frighten, and preventing access to medical help or police.
- **Sexual abuse** includes forcing unwanted sexual activity, not asking for consent, restricting access to birth control, and sexual humiliation

We are here for you

We are committed to providing support to victims of domestic and intimate partner violence through access to a professionally trained domestic violence victim advocate who will support you through your entire healing journey.

What Expenses Are Covered By CJI

Victims of domestic violence who suffered bodily injury may be eligible for compensation through Indiana's Violent Crime Victim Compensation Program. Eligible victims may receive compensation for :

- Medical, hospital, surgical, lab, and pharmacy bills
- Mental health counseling (up to \$3,000)
- Lost wages
- Reasonable child care services
- Crime scene clean-up and replacement of windows or door locks
- Funeral and burial expenses (up to \$5,000)

Applications must be filed within two years of the crime and the crime must have been reported to police within 72 hours.

To apply or check claim status, call 1-800-353-1484 or visit [in.gov/cji/victim-compensation](https://www.in.gov/cji/victim-compensation)

Stepping Stones Shelter is your local advocacy center. We work to empower survivors to rebuild their lives and break the cycle of violence to create a safer community through outreach, education, and awareness.

Have questions or want to learn more? Get in touch with us!

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Victims'
Rights

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Victims' Rights

The following rights apply to victims of domestic violence and intimate partner violence in Indiana. These protections are in place whenever a victim is involved in a law enforcement investigation, court proceeding, or seeks assistance related to an alleged act of domestic violence.

You retain these rights regardless of whether you choose to pursue criminal charges, participate in civil or criminal proceedings, or remain in or leave the relationship.

You have the right to be informed of your rights as a victim under Indiana law before any interview with a law enforcement officer or before any court proceeding begins.

Your Rights

You have the right to speak with a victim advocate or victim service provider at any point during a law enforcement investigation or court proceeding related to domestic violence.

If a victim advocate or victim service provider is not available, you have the right to speak with a victim assistance counselor or social worker. You retain these rights even if you have waived one or more of these rights previously.

You have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect and free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process. (Indiana Code § 35-45-2-1)

You have the right to seek a protective order prohibiting your abuser from contacting you or entering your home. Violating a protective order is a criminal offense. (Indiana Code § 35-46-1-15.1)

You have the right to be protected from stalking, criminal confinement, and intimidation, all of which are recognized crimes under Indiana law. (Indiana Code § 35-45-10-5; § 35-42-3-3; § 35-45-2-1)

You have the right to have your private communications with a victim advocate, victim service provider, or social worker kept confidential and not admissible as evidence without your consent.

How do I track the status of my protective order or my case?

You can track your criminal case status online at mycase.in.gov.

You may also contact your assigned victim advocate or call Stepping Stones Shelter's 24-hour crisis line at 219-879-4615 for assistance.

Case Number: _____

Advocate Name: _____

Advocate Phone: _____