

Santa Cruz Superior Court Self Help Center

Domestic Violence Resources



Walnut Ave. Family & Women's Center:

Assistance with Restraining Orders, Court Accompaniment, Emergency Accommodation, Counseling, Support Groups:

Crisis Line: 1-866-2MY-ALLY (1-866-269-2559)

Office Line: (831) 426-3062

Address: 303 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

Se ofrecen servicios en Español.

Monarch Services:

Formerly Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres

Assistance with Restraining Orders, Court Accompaniment, Shelter, Counseling, Support Groups:

Crisis Line: 888-900-4232

Office Santa Cruz: 425-4030; Address 550 Water St. Suite J-3, Santa Cruz, CA

Office Watsonville: 722-4532; Address 233 East Lake Ave., Watsonville, CA

Se ofrecen servicios en Español.

Senior Legal Services:

Assistance with Elder Abuse restraining orders, and information on senior resources and services:

(note: some age and income guidelines) Phone: (831) 426-8824

Address: Santa Cruz: 317 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA and 115 E. Fifth Street, Watsonville, CA

Superior Court Clerk's Office: Free Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) Restraining Order Paperwork. Clerk's office located at: 701 Ocean Street, Room 110, Santa Cruz or 1 Second Street, Room 300, Watsonville

Self Help Center, Santa Cruz Superior Court: Assistance with starting and responding to Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Elder Abuse and Work Place Violence restraining orders. Information on seeking, changing or ending a Criminal Protective Order and enforcing a restitution order in a criminal case. Location and hours: 1 Second Street, Watsonville, Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 and 1-3. *Note this is first come, first served and there may be a wait.* Phone: (831) 786-7200 option 4

Santa Cruz County Law Library: You may print and type restraining order paperwork using the library's computers (small cost to print and copy). The library has preprinted Civil Harassment forms for a small cost. Location: 701 Ocean Street, Room 70, Santa Cruz, CA (basement of building). The library cannot give legal advice or assistance with filling out the forms. 831-420-2205. www.lawlibrary.org.

Victim Services/Victim Witness – services for victims/witnesses of crime: (831) 454-2010

DA's Office: 701 Ocean St., #200, Santa Cruz, CA

State: California Victim Compensation Program: 1-800-777-9229 or www.victims.ca.gov

Santa Cruz Police Department, Victim Advocate: (831) 420-5827

Emergency: 911

Community Resources and References: 211

Victim Notification System: Register to be notified when someone is released from jail/prison

Prison: (916) 358-2436 Jail VINE System: (831) 454-2444 or 1-877-331-8463

Sheriff's Department Civil Division: (831) 454-7655, www.scsheriff.com

5200 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

The Sheriff's Department can assist with service of court papers for no or low cost

District Attorney – Criminal Division: (831) 454-2400, www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us

To provide information for a criminal case and/or ask for a Criminal Protective Order (a restraining order that can be ordered by the Court in a criminal case)

Adult Probation: Santa Cruz: (831) 454-2150, Watsonville (831) 763-8070

Suicide Prevention: Suicide & Crisis lifeline: call/text 988, <https://988lifeline.org/>; also (831) 458-5300

Legal Advice: Lawyer Referral Service at 831-425-4755, for a low cost consultation.

Conflict Resolution Center (CRC): If you are having a dispute with a neighbor or co-worker mediation may resolve the dispute before a restraining order is needed. CRC can help arrange mediation, for a small fee, between two parties. Phone (831) 475-6117, www.crcsantacruz.org

Safe At Home (Secretary of State): State Program for victims of domestic violence that includes: Confidential mail forwarding program, suppression of DMV records, confidential name change, registration to vote without address being made public. To sign up you must contact an enrolling agent in your community such as one of the Domestic Violence agencies listed above or call 1-877-322-5227 or web site www.sos.ca.gov.

Internet Resources: State Self Help Web Site You may access this internet site for legal information and court forms at any computer, including computers at the Self Help Center and Law Library: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm

Other helpful Domestic Violence Related Web Sites and Resources:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: Web Site: www.thehotline.org Phone: 1-800-799-7233
- National Center for Victims of Crime: www.victimsofcrime.org
- Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network: 1-800-656-HOPE
- California Attorney General's Victim's Services Unit: 1-877-433-9069
- Privacy Rights Clearinghouse: www.privacyrights.org
- Legal Aid Society, Employment Law Center, Domestic Violence Project: <https://legalaidatwork.org/our-programs/domestic-violence-survivors/>
- Family Violence Appellate Project: <https://fvaplaw.org>

Getting Information About Santa Cruz Superior Court cases:

- Request text message reminders to follow cases: <https://www.santacruzcourt.org/content/textreminders>
- Listen to a hearing using audio streaming: <https://www.santacruzcourt.org/content/remote-appearance>
- Look up case information: <https://portal.santacruzcourt.org/portal>

Safety: As a victim of domestic violence your safety and the safety of your children and family are very important. Remember if you are making phone calls from home or using your computer at home that there are often ways that other people in your home can check calls and internet sites that you have visited. For more information regarding safely planning please call one of the domestic violence agencies listed on this information sheet. For information about navigating the courthouse/safety in court, contact the Self Help Center or Law Library.

The Superior Court, Santa Cruz County is not endorsing any of the above service providers. The court does not evaluate the services listed; therefore, the court is not responsible for the quality of the services provided.