

Domestic violence survivors' rights with CPS

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If Child Protective Services is investigating you and you're a domestic violence survivor, know your rights and how you can get help.

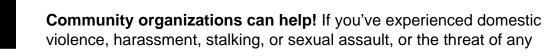
Know your rights:

- CPS should ask about domestic violence and what you're doing to keep your kids safe
- CPS must try to keep you and your kids together that includes helping you all stay safe from the abuser
- CPS should not hold you responsible for things the abuser does

The Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence has more information (https://wscadv.org/resources/know-your-rights-when-cps-comes-knocking/) to know your rights with CPS

If you need help with CPS, you can:

- Talk to your attorney (if you have one assigned to your case)
- Ask the Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman (https://ofco.wa.gov/) for help at (800) 571-7321
- Call the <u>Children's Administration's Office of Constituent Relations</u> (https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/contact-us/constituent-relations) at (800) 723-4831
- Talk to a <u>domestic violence advocate</u> (https://www.thehotline.org/)





of these, get help from your local domestic violence shelter or sexual assault center. Shelters provide safety planning, temporary shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, and other services.

Visit Washington State Domestic Violence Information & Referral (https://www.domesticviolenceinforeferral.org/domestic-violence-programs) to search for local programs by county, or for culturally/community specific

(https://www.domesticviolenceinforeferral.org/domestic-violenceprograms?field_county_value=All&field_program_catagory_tid=1) or Tribal programs

(https://www.domesticviolenceinforeferral.org/domestic-violence-programs?field_county_value=All&field_program_catagory_tid=2).

You can call, text, or chat online with advocates 24/7 at any of these:

- National Domestic Violence Hotline (https://www.thehotline.org/), 1-800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline (https://rainn.org/resources), 1-800-656-4673
- StrongHearts Native Helpline (https://strongheartshelpline.org/)
 (a peer support service of the National DV Hotline), 1-844-762-8483

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