



Town of Boxford
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Abused Persons Notice of Rights

Directions to Boxford Police Officer:

*Give a victim of domestic violence immediate and adequate notice of his or her rights. The notice shall consist of **handing** said person a copy of the statement, which follows below, and **reading** the same to the victim. Where the victim's native language is not English; the statement shall then be provided in the victim's native language whenever possible.*

"You have the right to appear at the Superior, Probate and Family District or Boston Municipal Court, if you reside within the appropriate jurisdiction, and file a complaint requesting any of the following applicable orders: **(a)** an order restraining your attacker from abusing you; **(b)** an order directing your attacker to leave your household, building or workplace; **(c)** an order awarding you custody of a minor child; **(d)** an order directing your attacker to pay support for you or any minor child in your custody, if the attacker has a legal obligation of support; and **(e)** an order directing your attacker to pay you for losses suffered as a result of abuse, including medical and moving expenses, loss of earnings or support, costs for restoring utilities and replacing locks, reasonable attorneys' fees and other out-of-pocket losses for injuries and property damage sustained."

"For an emergency on weekends, holidays, or week nights the police will refer you to a justice of the Superior, Probate and Family, District or Boston Municipal Court Departments"

"You have the right to go to the appropriate District Court or the Boston Municipal Court and seek a criminal complaint for threats, assault and battery, assault with a deadly weapon, assault with intent to kill or other related offenses."

"If you are in need of medical treatment, you have the right to request that an officer present drive you to the nearest hospital or otherwise assist you in obtaining medical treatment."

"If you believe that police protection is needed for your physical safety, you have the right to request that the officer present remain at the scene until you and your children can leave or until your safety is otherwise ensured. You may also request that the officer assist you in locating and taking you to a safe place, including but not limited to a designated meeting place for a shelter or a family member's or a friend's residence or a similar place of safety."

"You may request a copy of the police incident report at no cost from the police department."

Referrals and Resources

- **JANE DOE INC: (617) 248- 0922 & (TTY) (617) 263-2200**
 - The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.
 - <http://www.janedoe.org/>
- **SAFELINK: (877) 785-2020 & (TTY) (877) 521-2601**
 - Statewide listing of available Domestic Violence shelter beds and referrals to programs across the state including multi-lingual agencies.
- **ASIAN TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: (617) 338-2355**
 - Specializes in services to Asian communities.
- **GAY MEN’S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT: (800) 832-1901**
 - Specialized in services to the Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender communities.
- **THE NETWORK/LA RED: (617) 423-7233**
 - Specializes in services to the Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender communities.
- **SAFE RECOVERY: (978) 388-6600**
 - Specializes in services for victims with co-occurring substance abuse and domestic violence concerns.
- **CHILD WITNESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT: (617) 534-4244**
 - Specializes in services for children 0-8 years old that have been exposed to domestic violence.
- **LLAMANOS Y HABLEMOS: (800) 223-5001**
 - Sexual assault hotline for Spanish speaking individuals.
- **ELIZABETH STONE HOUSE: (617) 522-3659**
 - Specializes in services for victims with co-occurring substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence concerns.
- **ELDER ABUSE HOTLINE: (800) 922-2275**
- **DISABLED PERSONS HOTLINE: (800) 426-9009**
- **CHILD AT RISK HOTLINE: (800) 792-5200**