

# Temporary Protective Orders

A Temporary Protective Order is a legal document issued by court to help victims obtain protection from persons abusing, harassing, or stalking them.

## Who Is Eligible To Apply?

Before an application for a TPO can be made, an act of family violence or stalking must have occurred. The following parties are eligible to apply:

- Spouses (present or past)
- Parents of the same children
- Parents and children
- Step-parents and step-children
- Foster parents and foster children
- Persons living or formerly living in the same household
- Stalking victims may apply for a TPO even if one of the above relationships does not exist.

## How Do I Obtain a TPO?

TPOs are issued through the Superior Court of the County in which the Perpetrator/ Respondent resides. If the Respondent is not a resident of Georgia, the TPO may be issued in the County where the abuse occurred or where the Victim/Petitioner resides.

For assistance in filing a TPO,  
contact an OVS Advocate:

**470.578.4257**



**KSU Office of Victim Services**  
470.578.4257  
ovs@kennesaw.edu

## Additional Resources

**Counseling & Psychological Services**  
470-578-6600  
studentsuccess.kennesaw.edu/cps

**Student Health Services by WellStar**  
470-578-6644  
studenthealthsvc@kennesaw.edu

**Women's Resource Center**  
470-578-7858  
studentsuccess.kennesaw.edu/wrc

**Office of Institutional Equity (Title IX)**  
470-578-2614  
equity.kennesaw.edu

**LiveSAFE Resources (Formerly YWCA)**  
**Free SA & DV Services**  
24-Hr Crisis Line 770-427-3390  
www.livesaferesources.org

**Safety AT YOUR Fingertips**

**Get the App**

- 1 Download **LiveSafe** from Google Play or the App Store.
- 2 Sign up with your name & email.
- 3 Search for and connect with **Kennesaw State University**.

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Office of Victim Services

## INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE & STALKING

**You are not alone.  
Help is available.**



**Contact OVS:**

**470.578.4257**

**Email: ovs@kennesaw.edu**  
**Website: ovs.kennesaw.edu**

# 1 IN 3 WOMEN & 1 IN 4 MEN

HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF PHYSICAL  
VIOLENCE BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER

## Did You Know...

- 43% of college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, technology-facilitated, verbal or other forms of controlling abuse.
- More than 57% of college students experiencing dating violence while in college.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- 13% of women report being stalked during their time in college.
- 80% of survivors of stalking know the person who victimized them.

## Recognizing Intimate Partner Violence

### Signs of IPV:

- Acts jealous or possessive
- Puts you down or criticizes you in public.
- Controls where you go, what you wear, and/or what you do
- Monitors your texts and email
- Looks through your phone or personal belongings
- Blames you for hurtful things they say or do
- Threatens to hurt you or themselves if you leave
- Isolates you from friends and family
- Tries to guilt you or force you into having sex
- Physically hurts you (hits, slap, kicks, etc.)
- Restrains and prevents you from walking away from an argument



## How to protect yourself...

- Trust your instincts. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.
- Take threats seriously. Danger is generally higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victims tries to leave or end the relationship.
- Develop a safety plan, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you.
- Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you.
- Keep evidence of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep emails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph any damages or injuries caused by the stalker. Ask witnesses to write down what they saw.
- Obtain a Stalking Temporary Protective Order (TPO)
- Tell family, friends, and co-workers about the stalking and seek their support. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

