

## WHAT IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER?

# DVROs Save Lives.

A Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) is a court order designed to protect a victim and their children from harm or harassment by ordering that the restrained person not contact the protected parties and stay away from the victim's home, workplace, or school, among other orders.

### WHAT CAN IT DO?

- Grant exclusive custody of a child or pet
- Order the abuser to vacate a shared residence
- Grant time off from work
- Require the abuser to cover lost wages, attorney fees, child support, spousal support, or medical expenses
- Prohibit the abuser from possessing or purchasing firearms or ammunition

### HOW CAN YOU GET A DVRO?

- Contact a Domestic Violence support services agency
- Visit [bit.ly/ovp-dvro](https://bit.ly/ovp-dvro) or scan here to begin
- Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline **1 (800) 799-SAFE**



### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic Violence (DV) is a pattern of behavior used by one person to exert power and control over another in an intimate or close family relationship.

DV can include, but is not limited to, **physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, digital, economic, and/or litigation abuse, and coercive control.** Anyone can be a victim of DV or Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) but historically marginalized populations, such as BIPOC women, immigrants, refugees, people with disabilities, nonbinary, and trans folks are particularly vulnerable.