

Safety Planning

Please consider the following items when creating a safety plan.

1. Do you work with a community based advocate? If you need assistance connecting with one, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia (PAC) can help you find one.
2. Is there a protective or "no contact" order in place (conditional bond, temporary or permanent protective order)? Do you have copies of it?
3. Keep important phone numbers (police, crisis line, shelter, friend) close by for yourself and children, but not where the offender can find it.
4. Are there individuals close by (neighbors) you can ask to call the police if they hear suspicious noises or activity coming from your house/apartment?
5. If you need to get out of your home in a hurry, what is your plan? What doors, windows, stairwells are available and best to use to get out safely?
6. Where will you go if you need a safe place to stay? Are there family and friends you can call in a crisis? Do you know how to find local emergency shelters? 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-55 HAVEN (1-800-334-2836).
7. Where can you keep your belongings (purse, extra set of keys, money, etc.) so that you can take them with you quickly?
8. Do your children know how to use the telephone to contact the police?
9. Consider a code word or signal you can use with friends, family, co-workers, and/or children to alert them to call for help.
10. Consider packing an "escape bag" and store it in the trunk of your car, with a neighbor, or somewhere else that you can access in a crisis. Avoid storing it in locations where the offender may find it. Keep the following items in your escape bag: money, clothes, important papers (birth records, social security cards, financial account information, court orders, etc.).
11. If there is potential for you being exposed to a crisis or abuse, avoid rooms where weapons are or where you could become trapped (kitchens, bathrooms, basements, bedrooms).

Emergencies:

911

24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-55 HAVEN (1-800-334-2836)

Non-Emergencies:

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