

## WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PERSON DOES NOT FOLLOW THE CONDITIONS OF THE DVPO?

You should call the police – if it is an emergency call 999. They will be arrested and kept in custody. Within 24 hours (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) they will be seen before a Magistrates' court and could be fined up to £5000 and/or sent to prison for up to 2 months.

## WHAT OTHER HELP CAN I GET?

Local domestic abuse outreach services in Surrey offer independent, confidential support, information and access to specialist services to anyone affected by domestic abuse, whether they have left or are still in the relationship.

### This includes advice on:

- Legal rights
- Housing options
- Finances, budgeting, applying for benefits and debt advice
- Counselling service
- Children's needs.

For the Surrey wide 24 hour service call the yourSanctuary confidential helpline on **01483 776822**.

Visit [www.SurreyAgainstDA.info](http://www.SurreyAgainstDA.info) for more information.

## SUPPORT HELPLINES

- **East Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach:**  
**01737 771350**  
Serving Reigate and Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge
- **yourSanctuary Domestic Abuse Outreach:** **01483 776822 (24 hour)**  
Serving Runnymede, Surrey Heath and Woking (and all Surrey boroughs out of normal office hours)
- **North Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach:**  
**01932 260690**  
Serving Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell and Spelthorne
- **South West Domestic Abuse Outreach:**  
**01483 577392**  
Serving Guildford and Waverley

## NATIONAL HELPLINES

- Domestic Violence Helpline: **0808 2000 247**
- Broken Rainbow: **0300 999 5428**
- Men's Advice Line: **0808 801 0327**
- Stalking Helpline – **0808 802 0300**

You can contact Surrey Police on 101. In an emergency always ring 999.  
[surrey.police.uk/DomesticAbuse](http://surrey.police.uk/DomesticAbuse)

## Domestic Violence Protection Notices and Orders

# INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS



**SURREY POLICE**  
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[www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

The aim of a Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN) and Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) is to provide you with immediate protection following an incident of domestic violence and to give you time to consider what to do next. You will be contacted by local specialist services that will provide advice and support in what is available to you.

## WHAT IS A DVPN?

A DVPN is a notice served by the police against a person who is aged over 18, where the police reasonably believe that he or she has been violent or has threatened violence against you and that you need to be protected from him or her.

The law allows the police to serve a DVPN on this person even if you do not agree to it.

## WHAT DOES A DVPN DO?

A DVPN places certain conditions on the person which may include:

- Stopping him/her from entering, and being within a certain distance, of your home
- Stopping him/her from making you leave or excluding you from your home
- Requiring him/her to leave your home.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF WE LIVE AT THE SAME ADDRESS?

Then the DVPN requires them to leave immediately. They will be able to take with them possessions that they may need. They will be accompanied by a police officer.

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The person will be arrested, kept in police custody and then brought before a Magistrates' Court.

## WHAT IS A DVPO?

A Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) is an order applied for by the police and made by the Magistrates' Court. If an order is made it will last for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 28 days.

### The Order may:

- Stop him/her from entering, and being within a certain distance, of your home
- Stop him/her from making you leave or exclude you from your home
- Require him/her to leave your home.

## WHEN WILL THE CASE GO TO COURT?

The Magistrates' Court will hear an application for a DVPO within 48 hours (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) of the person being served with a DVPN by the police. If he or she does not attend the Magistrates' Court, then a DVPO can be made in his or her absence.

The law allows the Magistrates to make a DVPO against the person even if you do not agree to it. In addition, the Magistrates will take into account the welfare of anyone under 18 who the police consider will be affected by the DVPO.

## DO I HAVE TO GO TO COURT?

No. You do not have to attend the Magistrates' Court hearing. The Magistrates can make a DVPO against the person without you being present.

## A VICTIM'S TESTIMONY...

*"Don't let domestic abuse take over your life.*

*Surrey's Domestic Abuse Outreach Services helped turn my life around"*

