

# Are you a victim of Domestic Violence?



Consult the Police when you have been subjected to Domestic Violence before the problem becomes more serious.

## The Act for the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims will protect you.

In this Act

"Spouse" means a husband and a wife, persons in common-law marriage, persons in cohabitation (regardless of their gender), including cases where after being subjected to bodily harm by a spouse the other spouse has obtained divorce or annulment of the marriage but continues to be subjected to bodily harm by the former spouse.

"Violence" means bodily harm or words or actions which have a harmful influence to your body or mentality

ex. • Physical Violence ~ beating, kicking, choking, flinging, etc.

• Mental Violence ~ threatening, using abusive language, ignoring, restricting your behavior, etc.

• Economic Violence ~ not giving living expenses, taking money away, etc.

※ However, the violence for which you can request a Protection Order from the District Court is limited to cases when you have been subjected to bodily harm or threat to your life or body.

## DV in Dating

DV in Dating is the violence inflicted between a young couple going out (except in cases where they are in cohabitation).

Physical Violence such as beating or kicking, Mental Violence such as threats or restraint, Sexual Violence such as forcing sexual intercourse can constitute Domestic Violence in Dating.

Though it does not come under the terms of domestic violence in the Act for the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims, it may come under crimes such as assault, threats etc. and it might lead to more serious incidences in the future.

## Various organizations will support you

Victim

I want to consult someone.  
I want to escape from the offender.

### Police

Stopping violence  
Giving caution or warning to the offender  
Detaining the offender  
Assistance for shelter, etc.

### Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center

Counseling  
Supporting self-reliance etc.

※3 organizations in Ehime Prefecture

- General Welfare Support Center
- Ehime Prefecture Gender Equality Center
- Niihama City Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center

I want the offender to be kept away from me.

### District Court

Issue of Protection Order against the offender



## What is a Protection Order?

It is a court issued restriction order against an offender after receiving a request from a victim, who was subjected to bodily violence or threat to his/her life or body by the offender, when he/she is likely to have serious damage by being subjected to further harm from the offender. There are three kinds of Protection Order as follows:

### Restraining Order

To prohibit following the victim, spying on him/her at his/her domicile, workplace, etc.(for 6 months)

※ Restraining Order for children under 20 who live with the victim can be issued simultaneously, if necessary

### Eviction Order

To evict the offender from a domicile which he/she has established as the base of his/her life with the victim, and prohibits the offender loitering around the domicile.(for 2 months)

### Prohibition Order against specific forms of behavior

It is an order to prohibit the offender taking any of the matters listed below to the victim(for 6 months).

- 1 Pressurizing him/her to meet
- 2 Saying or implying anything that might lead him/her to believe that the offender is spying on him/her
- 3 Behaving verbally/non-verbally in an excessively rude or violent manner
- 4 Making silent calls, or calling, faxing or e-mailing him/her repeatedly except in unavoidable and emergency situations
- 5 Calling, faxing, or e-mailing from 10:00 p.m. to 6 a.m. except in unavoidable and emergency situations
- 6 Sending, presenting him/her anything that may provoke feelings of excessive disgust or aversion, such as excrement or animal carcasses or making situations in which he/she might notice
- 7 Stating directly or indirectly anything that would harm his/her reputation
- 8 Stating directly or indirectly anything that would cause him/her feelings of sexual embarrassment, or sending or presenting him/her any objects such as documents or images that would cause him/her feelings of sexual embarrassment

**Those who break the Protection Order will be sentenced to imprisonment with labor up to one year or a fine of up to one million yen.**

We will keep your secret and consider the best way to meet your request. You may consult with us anonymously, and may consult about someone close to you. Call us and stop worrying alone.

### Police Counseling Windows



<b>Cases in Emergency</b>		<b>1 1 0</b>
Ehime Prefectural Police Headquarters Police Counseling Section		089-931-9110 (Counseling call) #9110 (Nationwide standard)
Web site	<a href="http://www.police.pref.ehime.jp">http://www.police.pref.ehime.jp</a>	
Counseling Window at Police Stations		Key number of Each Police station

### Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center

Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center	089-927-3490 (Counseling call)
Ehime Prefecture Gender Equality Center	089-926-1644 (Counseling call)
Niihama City Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center	0897-65-1480 (Counseling call)

### Web site

The Cabinet Office : Information site for Supporting Victims of Spousal Violence  
<http://www.gender.go.jp/e-vaw/>  
 Ehime Prefectural Police official site  
<http://www.police.pref.ehime.jp/>

