

Hyde County Hotline

24 Hour Crisis Line
252-925-2500



YOU ARE NOT ALONE !

1 in 4 women have been subject to domestic violence.
Our domestic violence advocates can help you.

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What are Domestic Violence Protective Orders?

Domestic Violence Protective Orders provide relief to victims of domestic violence by separating the abuser from those being abused.

There are two types of protective orders:

1 - The Ex-Parte Domestic Violence Protective Order (50-B) is an emergency order intended to defuse the domestic violence situation by separating the parties involved.

2 - The Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO) prohibits contact between the abuser and the victim(s) for up to 12 months.

The **Ex-Parte Domestic Violence Protective Order (50-B)** is granted by a district court judge or magistrate. A (50-B) is good for a period of 7-10 days beginning the day you apply for the order.

- After the protection order is signed by a judge, a district court clerk will give you a Notice of Hearing sheet that lists the date of your next hearing and the expiration date of the emergency protection order (within 10 days).
- At the next hearing you will have the chance to testify and explain why you want to extend the order for the maximum 12 month period.
- If the defendant (the abuser) violates any part of this emergency order, report it to the police or file charges at the magistrate's office.
- If there are any violations a criminal court hearing will be ordered and a court date will be set. You must attend court on this date to testify as the state's chief witness. You will need to work closely with the district attorney so that he or she can help you with your case.
- You may hire your own personal attorney to assist you with this process.
- An advocate from Hotline will assist you upon request.

A **Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO)** can remain in effect for up to 12 months or until the date specified by a judge.

- The date listed on your Notice of Hearing sheet refers to the hearing for a Domestic Violence Protection Order. At this hearing you will have an opportunity to testify about your complaint and request that the judge extend the order for the maximum of 12 months.
- If the defendant violates any terms of the order, notify the police or press charges at the magistrate's office. Violation of a protection order results in a criminal charge that will be referred to criminal court.
- Give copies of the protection order to anyone who may need to know that your protection order is in effect (such as your child's day care staff, relatives or neighbors, your co-workers or supervisor, school administrators, etc.).
- If you need to extend the protection order beyond the initial 12 month period you must re-file the order at least two months before the expiration date. This process requires a new court date and hearing. The defendant must be given sufficient notice to attend the hearing.
- You may hire your own personal attorney to assist you with this process.
- An Advocate from Hotline will assist you through this process upon request.

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Magistrates Order

A Magistrates Order is a temporary protection order (50-B) issued by a magistrate when a district court judge is not available. Examples include holidays, long weekends, or when all judges will be out of town for an extended period of time.

- The Magistrates Order remains in effect for 48 hours (or until a district court judge is in session).
- This order must be heard before a district court judge on the next available court day. The magistrate will inform you of this court date if the emergency order is issued.
- Request assistance from Hotline when you apply for the Magistrates Order.

Merit Hearing

- A judge or magistrate may deny your request for an emergency protective order. If so, a Merit Hearing is scheduled, providing another chance for you to explain to a judge what events led you to apply for a protective order.
- At this hearing you and the defendant will be given opportunities to testify, and the protection order may be granted for up to 12 months.

Criminal Court

If the defendant (the abuser) has violated any part of a protective order, criminal charges may apply and the matter will be referred to Criminal Court. Below are some tips about Criminal Court:

- Be in attendance on all criminal court dates. You are the state's chief witness for your case. Court begins at 9:30 am in Hyde County.
- Request an advocate from Hotline to assist you at these court dates.
- Speak with the district attorney so he or she can become familiar with your case and be better able to assist you during the court process.
- Any witnesses should appear in court on this date ready to testify.
- Hire your own personal attorney if you wish to do so.
- The defendant has options when he/she appears in court. For example, they may represent themselves, plead guilty, hire their own personal attorney, or apply for a court-appointed attorney. Some options may cause your case to be continued (re-scheduled) until a later date.
- Document as many details of your experience as possible whenever there has been a violation of the protection order.
- If the case is continued, note the next court date and be there on time ready to proceed. Inform witnesses and ask them to be present.

Safety Planning is Key

- Call 911 in an emergency
- Keep copies of your protective order paperwork with you at all times
- Change your locks if you feel unsafe at home
- Screen all telephone calls and conversations
- Inform neighbors of any reason to call 911
- Inform family and friends about your current situation
- Request that police conduct safety drive-by check-ups in your area
- Acquire a cell phone for making emergency 911 calls; Hotline may have one you can borrow – ask us
- Remember to file for renewal of your protection order two months before it expires
- Be alert about your surroundings at all times
- When you are in an emergency situation and are afraid to be home, go directly to the women's shelter in your area, where you and your children will be safe and shelter staff can help you

A fundraising effort by Ben Cahoon Lake Run for Hyde County Hotline



\$100 of \$1,000 Raised by 1 person in 23 days

Created January 9, 2016 By: Ben Cahoon

Hyde County Hotline works against domestic violence in rural Hyde County. They're a great cause and I want to support them. And I love to run. So on March 12 I will run around the eastern half of Mattamuskeet Lake to promote Hotline and hopefully raise a little money for their work. Please donate if you can!

<https://www.gofundme.com/5jzau7u>

OUR MISSION: The purpose of Hyde County Hotline, Inc. is to work to eliminate domestic abuse and sexual victimization and provide safe shelter in Hyde County, North Carolina through the collaborative efforts of a compassionate community. We promote dignity, respect and safety at home resulting in safer communities.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN NC from January 1 – January 27, 2016
4 Murders**

**from January 1 – December 31, 2015
54 Murders**

www.nccadv.org



Read and Share the National Respect Announcement

What better way to say Happy Valentine's Day than helping all of your friends learn about healthy relationships? Help distribute the National Respect Announcement on **February 12, 2016**. Read it to your class or your youth group. Post it to your Facebook wall or share it on Tumblr. Spread the word!

With Valentine's Day around the corner, we'd like to remind you that everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. Remember, love has many definitions, but abuse isn't one of them.

If you or someone you know has a question about a relationship, healthy or unhealthy, visit [loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) or text "loveis" to 22522.

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/teendvmonth/>

How you can help...

Donate to our Thrift Store; call us for pick-up of large items: 252-925-2502 (all donations are tax deductible)

Ask us about presentations

Ask how we can help you

Tell others about us

Monetary donations are accepted:
PO Box 335, Engelhard, NC 27824



Want to learn more about being a Hyde County Hotline Crisis Line or Shelter Volunteer?
Let us know. 252-925-2502

Wear Orange Day

Wear Orange Day is a national day of awareness where we encourage everyone to wear orange in honor of Teen DV Month. **In 2016, it will be held on February 9.** You can wear orange shirts, nail polish, ribbons, jewelry, shoes or anything else you can think of! Tell people why you are wearing orange and post pictures and updates on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or post to our [Facebook event page](#) using the hashtags **#Orange4Love** and **#RespectWeek2016**.

Remember

Don't just wear orange – talk about it! By having a large number of people raising awareness like this and talking about healthy relationships, we send a message that teen dating abuse is not okay!

Not sure what to say? Try this:

“I’m wearing orange today to promote healthy relationships.”

