

# **An Informational Guide for Domestic Violence Victims in Virginia**

[Domestic Violence Victims in Virginia](#) is an informational guide to assist victims of family abuse in understanding the legal process and to provide information about going to court. It includes information about obtaining protective orders and criminal warrants. Information is also provided on safety planning and available resources. The final section defines commonly used terms.

If you have been a victim of a crime, you may experience conflicting feelings and thoughts. The criminal justice system may also seem confusing and difficult to understand. This guide should provide you with basic information and definitions to assist you in understanding the process.