

# Santa Cruz Superior Court Self Help Center

## Domestic Violence Resources

### **Walnut Ave. Women's Center:**

**Assistance with Restraining Order, Court Accompaniment, Shelter, Counseling, Support Groups:**

Crisis Line: 1-866-2MY-ALLY (1-866-269-2559)

Office Line: (831) 426-3062

Address: 303 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

*Se ofrecen servicios en Espanol.*

### **Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres:**

**Assistance with Restraining Order, Court Accompaniment, Shelter, Counseling, Support Groups:**

Crisis Line: 888-900-4232

Office Watsonville: 722-4532

Addresses: Watsonville: 233 E. Lake Ave., Watsonville, CA

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### **Senior Citizens Legal Services:**

**Assistance with Elder Abuse restraining orders, and information on senior resources and services:  
(note some age and income guidelines)**

Phone: (831) 426-8824 and 728-4711

Address: Santa Cruz: 501-F Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA and 114 E. Fifth Street, Watsonville, CA

**Superior Court Clerk's Office:** Free Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) Restraining Order Paperwork. Clerk's office located at: 701 Ocean Street, Room 110, Santa Cruz  
1 Second Street, Room 300, Watsonville

**Self Help Center, Santa Cruz Superior Court:** Assistance with starting and responding to Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Elder Abuse and Work Place Violence restraining orders.

Location and hours: 1 Second Street, Watsonville, Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 and 1-3.

*Note this is a first come, first serve and there may be a wait.*

**Santa Cruz County Law Library:** You may print and type restraining order paperwork using the library's computers (small cost to print and copy). The library has preprinted Civil Harassment forms for a cost of \$2 (price is subject to change). Location: 701 Ocean Street, Room 70, Santa Cruz, CA (basement of building). The library cannot give legal advice or assistance with filling out the forms. Phone 831-420-2205. For hours check their web site at [www.lawlibrary.org](http://www.lawlibrary.org).

**Victim Services/Victim Witness:** (831) 454-2010

DA's Office, 701 Ocean St., #200, Santa Cruz, CA

State: California Victim Compensation Program: 1-800-777-9229 or [www.victimcompensation.ca.gov](http://www.victimcompensation.ca.gov)

**Victim Notification System: Register to be notified when someone is released from jail/prison**

Prison: (916) 358-2436

Jail VINE System: (831) 454-2444 or 1-877-331-8463

**Sheriff's Department Civil Division:** (831) 454-2170, [www.scsheriff.com](http://www.scsheriff.com)

The Sheriff's Department can assist with service of court papers for no or low cost

**District Attorney – Criminal Division:** (831) 454-2400, [www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us](http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us)

**Adult Probation: Santa Cruz:** (831) 454-2150, Watsonville (83) 763-8070

**Victim Advocate, Santa Cruz Police Department:** (831) 420-5827

**National Domestic Violence Hotline:** (800) 799-SAFE

**Legal Advice:** If you need to speak to an attorney for legal advice regarding your situation you can call the Santa Cruz County Bar Association, Lawyer Referral Service at 831-425-4755, for a low cost consultation.

**Conflict Resolution Center (CRC):** If you are having a dispute with a neighbor or co-worker mediation may resolve the dispute before a restraining order is needed. CRC can help arrange mediation, for a small fee, between two parties who are willing to sit down and discuss the conflict they are experiencing. Phone (831) 475-6117.

**Safe At Home (Secretary of State):** State Program for victims of domestic violence that includes: Confidential mail forwarding program, suppression of DMV records, confidential name change, registration to vote without address being made public. To sign up you must contact an enrolling agent in your community such as one of the Domestic Violence agencies listed above or call 1-877-322-5227 or web site [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

**Internet Resources State Self Help Web Site (Legal Information and Forms):** You may access this internet site at any computer including the Law Library located at and the Self Help Center located at [www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm)

**Other helpful Domestic Violence Related Web Sites:**

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse: [www.privacyrights.org](http://www.privacyrights.org)

Legal Aid Society, Employment Law Center, Domestic Violence Project: <http://www.las-elc.org/work-domestic-violence.html>

National Domestic Violence Web Site: [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

**Safety:** As a victim of domestic violence your safety and the safety of your children and family are very important. Remember if you are making phone calls from home or using your computer at home that there are often ways that other people in your home can check calls and internet sites that you have visited. For more information regarding safely planning please call one of the domestic violence agencies listed on this information sheet.

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The Superior Court, Santa Cruz County is not endorsing any of the above service providers. The court does not evaluate the services listed; therefore the court is not responsible for the quality of the services provided.

