



STOPPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Two years ago, the legislature set up a Task Force on Domestic Violence. We've helped victims, law enforcement and educators fight this societal epidemic. But more needs to be done.

Every year in Connecticut, 54,000 individuals are victims of domestic violence and more than 1,000 children require emergency sheltering due to family violence in their home.

We're determined to put an end to this. This year, we focused on strengthening law enforcement's hand in fighting domestic violence and better protecting victims. The result is a far reaching set of recommendations for the legislature to consider.

With your help and support, we can make a difference.

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Helping Law Enforcement, Victims Fight Domestic Violence

Help For Victims

Civil restraining and criminal protective orders need strengthening to better meet the needs of victims. We are proposing to:

- Clarify state law to let minors get restraining orders
- Extend restraining orders from 180 days to one year
- Require bail commissioners to evaluate safety in offender releases
- Improve victim notification when a case dismissal is entered, an offender violates probation, or the terms of an offender's probation are altered
- Maintain funding for 24/7 staffing at shelters

Law Enforcement Support

We took a comprehensive look at ways to give law enforcement officials new tools to respond to domestic violence in our communities. Our recommendations include:

- Training standards to improve police response
- A uniform response policy for law enforcement
- Data collection improvements to inform future policy changes

Find Out More

Additional information about the task force and the full report and recommendations can be found on its web site at www.housedems.ct.gov/DV.



What We've Already Done

- Educator training in teen dating and domestic violence
- 24/7 staffing funding at shelters
- Protect victims who terminate housing rental agreements for safety
- A GPS pilot program for high risk offenders
- New domestic violence court dockets
- Employment protections for victims
- Help teens and stalking victims get restraining orders
- Increasing accountability for offenders and ensuring a cooling off period following an arrest