

Legal Resources

If you find yourself on this resource page, you are likely searching for organizations that can help you navigate the complicated (and often frustrating) system that is domestic violence law. Whether you are considering a protective order or filing for divorce or custody, it can be helpful to have an experienced advocate on hand to walk with you through the legal process. Below is a list of organizations that offer legal assistance for victims and survivors of domestic violence in Minnesota.

More online resources for legal help in Minnesota can be found [here](#).

NOTE: The hours of availability for these organizations may be limited or otherwise altered due to COVID-19.

Bridges to Safety (651-266-9901)

- <http://www.bridgestosafety.org/index.html>
- NOTE: Services through Bridges to Safety are currently on hold due to COVID-19. They are referring all potential clients to the St. Paul Intervention Project (see below).
- Bridges to Safety provides free legal advocacy, consultation, and representation for victim-survivors in Ramsey County. They can help you fill out and file an Order for Protection or Harassment Restraining Order. Childcare is offered at their location, and they are an LGBTQ+ friendly organization.

St. Paul and Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (SPIP) (651-645-2824)

- <https://www.stpaulintervention.org/>
- The St. Paul Intervention Project (also known as SPIP) has been providing legal advocacy and support to victim-survivors for decades. Advocates at SPIP can help you fill out and file protective orders, as well as accompany you to court proceedings. Call their 24/7 hotline for more information on how to receive support.

Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) (612-874-7063)

- www.domesticabuseproject.com
- The Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) provides legal services and support to victim-survivors in Hennepin County. Advocates can accompany victims in court, assist with filing protective orders, and provide referrals to other programs.

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) (612-228-9823)

- www.smrls.org
- SMRLS provides support and legal advice for many situations, from domestic violence law to housing and tenants' rights. Their services are free or low cost for qualifying participants.
- NOTE: there is an application process to receive services through SMRLS. Visit their website to see if you qualify for their support.

Tubman Legal Clinics (612-870-2426)

- <https://www.tubman.org/get-help/legal-services/legal-clinics.html>
- Legal clinics provided by the Tubman program can assist survivors in matters of divorce, custody, protective orders, and LGBTQ family law. Fees are sliding scale with a \$20 cap, and appointments last for up to 30 minutes.
- Tubman also offers criminal court advocacy, assistance with protective orders, and pro bono family law representation. See the "Legal Services" sidebar at the link above.