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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Safety Tips For You And Your Family

IF YOU ARE IN DANGER, CALL 911

Whether or not you feel able to leave an abuser, there are things you can do to make yourself and your family safer.

IN AN EMERGENCY

If you are at home & you are being threatened or attacked:

Stay away from the kitchen (abuser can use weapons like knives—don't offer the opportunity).

Stay away from bathrooms, closets or small spaces where the abuser can trap you.

Get to a room with a door or window to escape.

Call 911 right away for help.

Think about a neighbor or friend you can run to for help.

When the police officer comes, tell him/her what happened.

Get medical help if you are hurt.

Take pictures of bruises or injuries.

Call a domestic violence program or shelter; ask them to help you make a safety plan.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AT HOME

Learn where to get help; **memorize emergency phone numbers.**

If the abuser has moved out, **change the locks on your door;** get locks on the windows.

Plan an escape route out of your home; teach it to your children. Think about where you would go if you need to escape.

Ask your neighbors to call the police if they see the abuser at your house; make a signal for them to call the police.

Pack a bag with important things you'd need if you had to leave quickly; put it in a safe place, or give it to a friend or relative you trust.

Include **cash, car keys & copies of important information** such as: court papers, passport or birth certificates, medical records & medicines, immigration papers, etc.

Get an unlisted phone number.

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GARDEN CITY POLICE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CITY DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY-911

POLICE 793-1700

DETECTIVE BUREAU 793-1710

CITY HALL 793-1600

21ST DIST. COURT 793-1680

BUILDING DEPT. 793-1650

CITY CLERK 793-1620

LIBRARY 793-1830

MAPLEWOOD CTR. 793-1850

PARKS & REC. 793-1880

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Use caller ID.

Use an answering machine; screen the calls. Save messages when necessary.

Take a good self-defense course.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR CHILDREN SAFER

Teach them not to get in the middle of a fight, even if they want to help

Teach them how to get to safety, to call 911, to give your address & phone number to the police.

Teach them who to call for help, if necessary after they call police.

Tell them to stay out of the kitchen.

Make sure the children know who to tell at school if they see the abuser.

Give the principal at school or the daycare center a copy of your court order if you have one; tell them not to release your children to anyone without talking to you first; use a password so they can be sure it is you on the phone; give them a photo of the abuser.

Make sure that the school knows not to give your address or phone number to ANYONE.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF OUTSIDE THE HOME

Change your regular travel habits.

Try to get rides with different people.

Shop and bank in a different place.

Cancel any bank accounts or credit cards you shared; open new accounts at a different bank.

Keep your court order and emergency numbers with you at all times.

Keep a cell phone & program it to 911 (or other emergency number)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the police department at 734-793-1700 or 9-1-1 if it is an emergency.

The Wayne County Crisis Line may be called 24 hours a day at 1-800-241-4949.

The Emergency Telephone Service phone number is 1-313-224-7000—24 hours a day.

Thank you, Detective Sergeant Brian Aure'

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

February Crime Statistics

Arson 1	Robbery 3
Breaking & Entering 12	Public Peace 25
Larceny 26	Fraud 16
Sexual Assault 1	Drugs 5
Stolen Vehicles 6	Property Damage 15
Assaults 37	Drunk Driving 5
Murder 0	

The numbers listed are statistic for the entire city during the month listed