



The Domestic Violence Project

What is the Domestic Violence Project?

The Domestic Violence Project provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence in Suffolk County relating to family law matters, including obtaining orders of protection and custody. If you would like to obtain legal representation from Legal Services of Long Island you will need to go through one of our advocacy agencies. For the fastest referrals, please contact **Brighter Tomorrows** (<https://brightertomorrowsinc.org/>) at (631) 395-1800 or, if you are on the East End of Long Island, **The Retreat** (<http://allagainstabuse.org/>) at (631) 329-2200. Both hotlines are available 24 hours a day.

Domestic Violence Awareness

The Domestic Violence Project also focuses on raising awareness for domestic violence. **There are signs that may indicate that someone is in an abusive relationship that is either emotional or physical, or both.** Some may be that:

- Their partner talks down to them, makes disparaging remarks to them, or shares hurtful or embarrassing stories about them in public. Even if said in a joking manner, remarks like this that are said in front of others is disrespectful and may be indicative of other problems in the relationship.
- The person is uncharacteristically insecure or disparaging. They say things like, "I can't do anything right" or "I'm so stupid." They might even struggle with decisions, like what to order at a restaurant. These instances of self-doubt may be signs their partner is extremely critical of them or constantly blames them for things.
- They blame themselves for everything and apologize profusely. This may indicate that they have been conditioned to take the blame in their relationship for every little thing.
- Their partner checks in on them constantly. If their partner calls or texts demanding to know where they are, what they're doing, or who they're with, then the partner is controlling and possessive, not caring.



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Helpful Resources for Individuals Impacted by Domestic Violence

**There are many resources that you can take advantage of if you
or someone you know needs help:**

Nassau County:

The Safe Center LI at (516) 542-0404 or go to tscli.org

Suffolk County:

The Suffolk County Family Court has a program that allows people to get orders of protection remotely. Call one of the agencies below for help:

LI Against Domestic Violence:

(631) 666-8833 or visit liadv.org

The RETREAT:

(631) 329-2200 or visit allagainstabuse.org

Crime Victims Center:

(631) 689-2672 or visit parentsformeganslaw.org

Brighter Tomorrows:

(631) 395-1800 or visit brightertomorrowsinc.org

ECLI-VIBES:

(631) 360-3606 or visit <https://eclivibes.org/>

Family Legal Care:

<https://familylegalcare.org/>

Legal Services of Long Island:

<https://legalservicesli.org/family-domestic-violence-resources/>

More resources listed on ECLI-VIBES website:

<https://eclivibes.org/resources>

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