

## Crisis Intervention Services

Toll Free Crisis Line:

1-877-864-9688

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CIS provides 24 hour services to victims of physical and emotional abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and incest.

### Our Services Include:

- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Emergency Safe House
- Domestic Violence Protection Order Assistance
- Support Groups for Victims of Abuse
- Emotional Support
- Prevention/Education Programs

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*It is inevitable that some defeat will enter even the most victorious life. The human Spirit is never finished when it is defeated, it is finished when it surrenders.*

*-Ben Stein*

We believe all people have a right to a life free of physical violence, sexual assault, verbal/emotional abuse, and restriction of personal liberties.

We believe that violence is a societal problem, a learned behavior, and with intervention and education, the cycle of violence can be broken.

We believe in the worth, dignity, and uniqueness of the individual, and we support these values through education, personal growth, self-reliance, and self-determination.

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## Domestic Violence Protection Orders

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Cody, WY  
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\*Powell office is ADA accessible



## **What is a Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO)?**

A DVPO is a granted court order for the protection of victims of domestic abuse. They are designed to prevent one party from abusing another.

## **What is “Domestic Abuse”?**

The legal definition of “domestic abuse” is physically abusing, threatening to physically abuse, attempting to cause or causing physical harm or acts which unreasonably restrain the personal liberty of any household member; placing a household member in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm; or causing a household member to engage involuntarily in sexual activity by force, threat of force or duress

## **Who can file for a DVPO?**

Any person (who is sixteen years of age or older, or legally married) who fits the definition of a household member.

“Household member” includes:

- \* Persons married to each other;
- \* Persons living with each other as if married;
- \* Parents and their adult children;
- \* Other adults sharing common living quarters;
- \* Persons who are the parents of a child but are not living with each other; and
- \* Persons who are in, or have been in, a dating relationship.

## **How long does a Domestic Violence Protection Order last?**

DVPO’S can be ordered for up to 3 years. However, these orders may be extended by

the courts if needed. To get an order extended you must file for an extension BEFORE your original order expires.

## **Do I have to file for a divorce or separation to file for a DVPO?**

No.

## **Are there any filing fees or court costs associated with filing a DVPO?**

No.

## **Where can I receive assistance in filing for a DVPO?**

Crisis Intervention Services  
Cody/Powell, Wyoming

## **What kind of information do I need to file for a DVPO?**

- You will need information concerning the person the order is against (i.e. description of person, address, or vehicle information/description).
- Approximate dates and places the abuse took place.
- You will need to specifically describe what happened during the current or prior acts of abuse.

## **What provisions can I ask of the Court in a DVPO?**

- Order that the perpetrator will not be allowed to physically abuse you, threaten to physically abuse you, or do any act which unreasonably restrains your personal liberty, directly or indirectly.
- Order that the perpetrator stay away from you, from your place of residence, from your place of employment, and stay away from any location where you may be.

- Give you possession of the residence and order the perpetrator to vacate the residence if they are still in possession of said residence.
- Order the perpetrator to provide you with suitable alternative housing.
- Grant you temporary legal custody or your children.
- Prohibit the perpetrator from abducting, removing or concealing the children from you.
- Order the perpetrator to pay you temporary child support.
- Decide whether or not the perpetrator should have visitation privileges with the children.
- Order the perpetrator to pay medical costs incurred by you as a result of the abuse inflicted by the perpetrator.
- Order the perpetrator not to transfer, conceal, encumber or otherwise dispose of your property accumulated while married or living together.

## **What happens after I file for a DVPO?**

Upon filing, the court shall:

- Immediately grant an Ex Parte Temporary Order of Protection.
- Hold a hearing within 72 hours after the granting of the Ex Parte Temporary Order of Protection

## **What happens if the abuser violates the Order of Protection?**

Any violation of a DVPO will give cause for an immediate arrest and may result in a criminal charge for violation of a protection order.