



**If you want help,
call the Ohio
Domestic Violence
Network at this
toll-free number:
1-800-934-9840**

There are people in your community who can help you. Toll-free hotlines have counselors who can help with:

- **crisis counseling**
- **safety planning**
- **help with finding shelter**
- **referrals to other organizations such as legal services**
- **support groups**
- **advocacy with the police**

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Office of Employee and Business Services
Bureau of Civil Rights
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**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**
You have a right to be
safe

What is domestic violence?



Domestic violence is when someone in your household is hurt by someone who is or was a partner, spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend, or a part of your household or family. Domestic violence includes hitting, hurting, threatening or making you afraid by following you or preventing you from moving around freely.

You and your family deserve to get FREE CONFIDENTIAL HELP. Call the Ohio Domestic Violence Network 1-800-934-9840

IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT!

What are domestic violence waivers?

It's important to get help. We understand that talking about domestic violence is very personal. If you want to tell us about it, ask to talk to your caseworker in private. Any information you share with your caseworker about domestic violence is confidential. Although you are not required to report domestic violence, you should know that we are required by law to report child abuse to the local county public children services association.

Remember, you can tell your caseworker at any time about domestic violence.

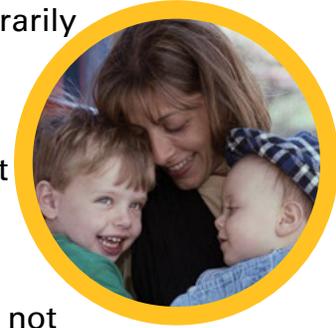
If you are eligible for Ohio Works First (OWF) or food assistance, and you are a victim of domestic violence, there are some OWF and food assistance program requirements that can be waived temporarily—which means that they won't apply to you while the waiver is in effect. Some of the rules that can be waived temporarily are:

Work

You may be temporarily excused from working, looking for work, going to school or attending job training if participating in any of these activities would put you or your children in danger of domestic violence or if it would interfere with your ability to escape the domestic violence.

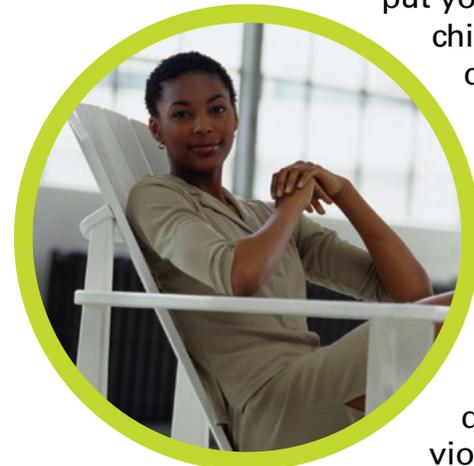
Child Support

You may be temporarily excused from cooperating with child support rules if the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) determines that cooperation would not be in the best interests of the child or would make it more difficult for the caretaker or child to escape domestic violence. During this time, you will be excused from cooperating with the CSEA in establishing paternity or establishing or enforcing a support order.



Time Limits

In Ohio, the time limit for getting OWF cash assistance is 36 months. You may be eligible to get OWF longer than 36 months if losing the OWF money would



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