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Things to know about your rights if you are experiencing domestic violence and need help with a protective order during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**1** Although public spaces are closed, you can still apply for a protective order from the Courts anytime in Tennessee. Tennessee counties have systems to allow you to apply for a protective order.

**2** Domestic violence is a crime. You have the right to be safe from violence.

**3** Tennessee law protects victims of domestic violence by allowing victims to apply for protective orders. Protective orders can include provisions that require an abuser to have no contact with the victim of violence and other orders that will assist in the prevention of future acts of violence.

**4** Legal Aid Society's attorneys and volunteers are providing information and legal advice by phone to clients during the public health crisis.

**5** Tennessee has a variety of resources for victims of domestic violence, including shelter, crisis hotline services. Call 1-800-356-6767 (TN) for crisis assistance in your area.



*If you have any questions pertaining to your claim, please contact us at 1-800-238-1443 or visit [las.org](http://las.org).*