

**Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-619(g) (2005):**

When a law enforcement officer responds to a domestic abuse call, the officer shall:

(1) Offer to transport the victim to a place of safety, such as a shelter or similar location or the residence of a friend or relative, unless it is impracticable for the officer to transport the victim, in which case the officer shall offer to arrange for transportation as soon as practicable;

(2) Advise the victim of a shelter or other service in the community; and

(3) Give the victim notice of the legal rights available by giving the victim a copy of the following statement:

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE, you have the following rights:

1. You may file a criminal complaint with the district attorney general (D.A.).

2. You may request a protection order. A protection order may include the following:

(A) An order preventing the abuser from committing further domestic abuse against you;

(B) An order requiring the abuser to leave your household;

(C) An order preventing the abuser from harassing you or contacting you for any reason;

(D) An order giving you or the other parent custody of or visitation with your minor child or children;

(E) An order requiring the abuser to pay money to support you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so; and

(F) An order preventing the abuser from stalking you.

The area crisis line is:

The following domestic abuse shelter/programs are available to you:

(4) Offer to transport the victim to the location where arrest warrants are issued in that city or county and assist the victim in obtaining an arrest warrant against the alleged abuser.

**Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-7-103 (1992):**

“IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you can ask the district attorney general to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to the court having jurisdiction over domestic relations and file a petition requesting an order for protection from domestic abuse, which could include the following: (a) an order restraining the abuser from further acts of abuse; (b) an order directing the abuser to leave your household; (c) an order preventing the abuser from harassing you or coming about you for any reason; (d) an order awarding you or the other parent custody of or visitation with your minor child or children; (e) an order directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.

It is also permissible for you to make a citizen’s arrest of the assailant and I will transport the assailant.

The area crisis line, program telephone # and/or the following domestic violence shelter/programs are available to provide you with services and/or shelter:

program      telephone #                      program      telephone #

The names and phone numbers for the area crisis and/or domestic violence services will be provided by the department of human services.”