



What You Should Know If you are a Victim of a Crime or Witness to a Crime





As a citizen of North Carolina, you are entitled to the following:

- To be advised if an arrest is made.
 - To be kept informed of the status of your case.
 - To be advised about the status of the defendant.
 - To be advised about all aspects of your participation in a trial.
 - To have any recovered stolen property returned to you as soon as possible.
 - To be advised about the results of a trial or any other disposition of the case.
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- ▶ If you are injured, you may be eligible for compensation through NC Victims Compensation.
 - ▶ If appropriate, we will contact your employer to discuss the importance of your role in the prosecution of your case.
 - ▶ If you are threatened or harassed, you are entitled to protection as provided by law, including special penalties for such behavior included in the Federal Act cited.

**Contact the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Victim/Witness Advocate for help and information.
910-677-5454**



Locations to apply for a Civil Domestic Violence Protective/Restraining Order:

- Electronically File (E-File) at locations in Cumberland County and on Fort Bragg.
- Clerk of Courts Office (Safe Link Office) at the Cumberland County Courthouse.

ELECTRONIC FILING FOR 50-B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Did you know that you can file your 50-B Civil Domestic Violence Order lawsuit and process your emergency request without coming to the Cumberland County Courthouse?

Victims can complete and file an order of protection and have their case heard before a judge via video-conference at all four locations. Electronic filing for domestic violence protective orders offers victims a safe and confidential environment outside of the courthouse to file for a protective order with the assistance of a trained advocate. Offering this option provides victims the opportunity to have immediate access to the full continuum of additional services such as counseling, safety planning, shelter, legal referrals and case management.

E-File locations are found at:

The Phoenix Center

Monday - Friday
8:00am-12:30pm

519 Ramsey Street,
Fayetteville NC
(910) 485-7273

Army Community Service

Monday - Friday
8:00am-12:30 pm

(Soldier Support Center-3rd Floor)
BLDG 4-2843 Normandy Dr., Ft. Bragg NC
(910) 396-5521

Fayetteville Police Department:

Cross Creek Substation

Tuesday & Thursday
8:00am-12:30pm

6147 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville NC
(910) 433-1885

Hope Mills Police Department:

Town Hall Building

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am-12:30pm

5770 Rockfish Rd, Hope Mills NC
(910) 424-4555



Cumberland County Courthouse

Safe Link Domestic Violence Assistance

Address: 117 Dick Street Room 340

Fayetteville NC 28303

Phone: 910-475-3000

Civil Domestic Violence Protective/Restraining Orders or Civil No-Contact Protective Orders

The SAFE-LINK Domestic Violence Assistance Program was created as a & location for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who come to the Cumberland County court system to obtain a civil domestic violence protective/restraining order or a civil no-contact protective order. The program is designed to provide immediate access to our court system to ensure the safety of these victims. In the SAFE-LINK Office, victims have privacy to complete required forms, obtain information about available resources such as community-based programs and shelters, and referrals to immediate services and counselors. Bilingual services are provided and documentation of physical abuse through digital photography is available.

What is the difference between a 50B Domestic Violence Protective Order and a 50C No Contact Order?

50B Domestic Violence Protective Order

In order to file for a DVPO against the abuser, you must have a "personal relationship" with the abuser. North Carolina law defines only certain categories of relationships as meeting the definition of a "personal relationship" for the purpose of being able to file a DVPO. You can file for this type of protective order if you and the person you are filing against are:

- Current or former spouses
- Persons of the opposite sex who currently live together or have lived together in a domestic relationship
- Your child, a parent, a grandchild or grandparent
- Have a child in common
- Current or former household members
- Persons of the opposite sex who are currently dating or have been in a dating relationship

Available filing locations for 50B Protective Orders include:

- The Phoenix Center
- Cross Creek Substation of Fayetteville Police Department
- Hope Mills Town Hall Building for the Hope Mills Police Department's Victims Advocate
- Army Community Center of Fort Bragg
- Cumberland County Clerk of Court "SAFE-LINK" Office

50C No Contact Order

A Civil No-Contact Order (commonly referred to as a "50C order") is designed specifically for victims of sexual assault or stalking who do NOT have a "personal relationship" with the offender. You can file for this type of restraining order if you and the person you are filing against have any other relationship not listed under the 50B Domestic Violence Protective Order criteria or the person is unknown to you.

In addition to NOT having a personal relationship with the offender, you must have been the victim of "unlawful conduct." North Carolina defines "unlawful conduct" as:

"The commission of one or more of the following acts by a person 16 years of age or older upon a person, but does not include acts of self-defense or defense of others." The acts included are nonconsensual sexual conduct, even if there was only one incident, and stalking. Stalking is defined as "on more than one occasion, following or otherwise harassing... another person without legal purpose with the intent to" either "place the person in reasonable fear either for the person's safety or the safety of the person's immediate family or close personal associates" or "cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress by placing that person in fear of death, bodily injury, or continued harassment and that in fact causes that person substantial emotional distress."

Available filing location for a 50C No Contact Order:

Cumberland County Clerk of Court "SAFE-LINK" Office

Walk-ins for the "Safe-Link" office are only accepted Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Victim Resources

Cumberland County

Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County

Located at “The Phoenix Center”

519 Ramsey Street

Fayetteville, NC 28305

Administrative Line: 910-485-7273

Crisis Line(s): 910-485-7273

Fax: (910) 485-1365

Website: www.rapecrisisonline.org

Cumberland County

CARE- Family Domestic Violence Program

1225 Ramsey Street

Fayetteville, NC 28301

Office: 910-677-2528

Crisis: 910-677-2532

Fax: 910-677-2661



LEGAL AID FAYETTEVILLE OFFICE

327 Dick Street, Suite 103, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Apply for legal help by phone toll-free:

1-866-219-LANC (5262)

For all other calls:

Toll-free Call: 1-800-824-5340

Local Call: 910-483-0400

Fax #: 910-483-2763

Child Custody

Divorce

Domestic Violence

Child Support

Paternity

Guardianship

Child Abuse/Foster Care

Child Care

Juvenile Delinquency

Termination of Parental Rights

Adoption

*Helping low-income
individuals solve
legal problems.*

www.lawhelpnc.org

Contact Numbers for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and Community Services



Phone: 910-323-1500

Fax: 910-677-5507

Address: Law Enforcement Center
131 Dick Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Director: Sheriff Ennis Wright

Email: web.sheriff@co.cumberland.nc.us



For Emergencies Dial 911

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Non-Emergencies	323-1500
Detention Facility.....	672-5630
Sheriff's Office Watch Commander ...	677-5432
Detective Division	677-5490
Victim/Witness Assistance.....	677-5454

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clerk of Court.....	475-3000
District Attorney's Office.....	475-3010
Magistrate's Office.....	672-5633
Child Protective Services.....	677-2450
Rape Crisis.....	485-7273
Army Family Advocacy Program.....	396-5521
Cumberland Co. Veterans Services....	677-2970