

Okanogan County Resources

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About VINELink

VINELink is the online version of VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), the National Victim Notification Network. This service allows crime victims to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day. Some states have the ability to display this website in Spanish. Please click on the state where you wish to search. If this option is available, you will see an "English | Espanol" toggle in the upper right corner of the webpage. Victims and other concerned citizens can also register to be notified by phone, email, text message (SMS), or TTY device when an offender's custody status changes. Users can also register through their participating state or county toll-free number. Go to the <https://vinelink.vineapps.com/state/WA> for online services.

Common Definitions

- **Domestic Violence** means: **(a)** physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; unlawful harassment; or stalking of one intimate partner by another intimate partner; or **(b)** physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; unlawful harassment; or stalking of one family or household member by another family or household member.
- **Family or Household Members** means: **(a)** persons related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership, or adoption; **(b)** persons who currently or formerly resided together; **(c)** persons who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren, or a parent's intimate partner and children; and **(d)** a person who is acting or has acted as a legal guardian.
- **Intimate Partner** means: **(a)** spouses or domestic partners; **(b)** former spouses or former domestic partners; **(c)** persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; or **(d)** persons who have or have had a dating relationship where both persons are at least 13 years of age or older.
- **Stalking** means: **(a)** any act of stalking as defined under RCW [9A.46.110](#); or **(b)** any act of cyberstalking as defined under RCW [9A.90.120](#); or **(c)** any course of conduct involving repeated or continuing contacts, attempts to contact, monitoring, tracking, surveillance, keeping under observation, disrupting activities in a harassing manner, or following of another person that: **(1)** would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated, frightened, under duress, significantly disrupted, or threatened and that actually causes such a feeling; **(2)** serves no lawful purpose; and **(3)** the respondent knows, or reasonably should know, threatens, frightens, or intimidates the person, even if the respondent did not intend to intimidate, frighten, or threaten the person.
- **Vulnerable Adult** includes a person: **(a)** sixty years of age or older who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for themselves; **(b)** subject to a guardianship under

RCW [11.130.265](#) or adult subject to conservatorship under RCW [11.130.360](#); **(c)** who has a developmental disability as defined under RCW [71A.10.020](#); **(d)** admitted to any facility; **(e)** receiving services from home health, hospice, or home care agencies licensed or required to be licensed under chapter [70.127](#) RCW; **(f)** receiving services from a person under contract with the department of social and health services to provide services in the home under chapter [74.09](#) or [74.39A](#) RCW; or **(g)** who self-directs their own care and receives services from a personal aide under chapter [74.39](#) RCW.

- **Financial Exploitation** means the illegal or improper use of, control over, or withholding of, the property, income, resources, or trust funds of the vulnerable adult by any person or entity for any person's or entity's profit or advantage other than for the vulnerable adult's profit or advantage. Financial exploitation includes, but is not limited to: **(a)** the use of deception, intimidation, or undue influence by a person or entity in a position of trust and confidence with a vulnerable adult to obtain or use the property, income, resources, government benefits, health insurance benefits, or trust funds of the vulnerable adult for the benefit of a person or entity other than the vulnerable adult; **(b)** the breach of a fiduciary duty, including, but not limited to, the misuse of a power of attorney, trust, or guardianship or conservatorship appointment, that results in the funds of the vulnerable adult for the benefit of a person or entity other than the vulnerable adult; or **(c)** obtaining or using a vulnerable adult's property, income, resources, or trust funds without lawful authority, by a person or entity who knows or clearly should know that the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to the release or use of the vulnerable adult's property, income, resources, or trust funds.
- **Interested Person** means a person who demonstrates to the court's satisfaction that the person is interested in the welfare of a vulnerable adult, that the person has a good faith belief that the court's intervention is necessary, and that the vulnerable adult is unable, due to incapacity, undue influence, or duress at the time the petition is filed, to protect his or her own interests.
- **Coercive Control** means a pattern of behavior that is used to cause another to suffer physical, emotional, or psychological harm, and in purpose or effect unreasonably interferes with a person's free will and personal liberty. Examples of coercive control can be found under [RCW 7.105.010\(4\)](#).

Domestic Violence Shelters

- If you are a victim of domestic violence, you should get out of the situation. Often times this means staying with a friend or family member until you are safe to be out on your own. There are also many shelters available in the area for domestic violence victims, including:
 - [The Support Center - Home](#)
Please call 509-826-3221 (locally) or Toll Free at 1-888-826-3221

Domestic Violence Hotlines

The following hotlines are available 24-hours a day and are free of charge in Okanogan County:

- [The Support Center - Home](#)
Please call 509-826-3221 (locally) or Toll Free at 1-888-826-3221
- [Get Help Now – Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(WSCADV\)](#)
- [Domestic Violence Support | The National Domestic Violence Hotline \(thehotline.org\)](#)
- [Home - DV Hopeline](#)
Please call 1-877-737-0242
- [Domestic Violence Support | The National Domestic Violence Hotline \(thehotline.org\)](#)
Please call 1-800-799-SAFE

Legal Information & Resources

- [Criminal Division | Department of Justice](#)
- [Home | Northwest Justice Project \(nwjustice.org\)](#)
- [WashingtonLawHelp.org | Helpful information about the law in Washington.](#)
- www.nvcap.org/states/washington.htm

Domestic Violence Perpetrator/Batterer Services

- [Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare \(okbhc.org\)](#)
Please call 1-800-852-2923 or 509-826-6191 or text 988

Elder Abuse & Adult Protective Services

- [Adult Protective Services | DSHS \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [NCEA - Home \(acl.gov\)](#)

Suicide Prevention

- [Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](#)
Please call 1-888-628-9454 or Text 988
- [Behavioral Health and Crisis Services | VOAWW](#)
Please call 988
- [Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare \(okbhc.org\)](#)
Please call 1-800-852-2923 or 509-826-6191 or text 988

Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Resources

- [Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare \(okbhc.org\)](#)
Please call 1-800-852-2923 or 509-826-6191 or text 988

Teen Services

- [Youth Center, Nonprofit, Fyre - FYRE - Omak, Washington \(okfyre.org\)](#)
- [The Support Center - Home](#)
- [Home - Room One](#)
- [Okanogan County Community Action Council \(occac.com\)](#)
- [Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare \(okbhc.org\)](#)
- [Home - Teen Link](#)
Please call 1-866-833-6546

Helpful Resources for All Ages

- [The Support Center - Home](#)
- [Home - Room One](#)
- [Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare \(okbhc.org\)](http://okbhc.org)
- [Okanogan County Community Action Council \(occac.com\)](http://occac.com)