

5. The scope of outreach efforts by the Department to victims of domestic violence in cases where a perpetrator violates an order of protection issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

As outlined in Section 6, the Department makes significant efforts to engage and support victims of domestic violence, including in cases where an order of protection has been violated. Domestic violence investigators (DVIIs) prioritize outreach to victims who have experienced violence or violations of their orders of protection. They work to connect victims with appropriate services, including counseling, shelter referrals, safety planning, and assistance with court-related matters.

6. Any other interventions by the Department that relate to domestic violence.

In October 2025, the Department transitioned from domestic violence prevention officers (DVPOs) to DVIIs under the supervision of the Detective Bureau. DVIIs are police officers and detectives who receive specialized training in working with victims of domestic violence. Their role includes investigating domestic violence incidents, working closely with the District Attorney's Office to support prosecution when appropriate, and engaging with victims in a way that recognizes the sensitivity and complexity of these cases.

DVIIs conduct home visits to check on a victim's physical and emotional well-being and to determine whether there has been any further contact from the perpetrator. They also assist victims with personalized safety planning and connect them with services such as counseling, shelter referrals, and court-related support.

The Department also operates the 'High Propensity and Child at Risk' program. Cases may be placed in this program based on the seriousness of the incident, repeated violations of orders of protection, escalating patterns of domestic violence, or other circumstances showing a need for additional follow-up. When a case meets this threshold, it receives enhanced attention, including at least two home visits per month.

In addition to the work of DVIIs, the Department partners with the Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP), which operates under the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence. CVAP advocates, who are employees of Safe Horizon, work closely with precinct personnel and maintain regular communication with victims. These advocates are specially trained to support victims of domestic violence and help reduce the trauma often associated with these incidents. They provide emotional support, help victims navigate the criminal justice system, offer service referrals, and connect victims with resources such as safe and affordable housing, emergency NYCHA transfers, and community-based organizations.

The Department also operates a U-Visa program and works with undocumented victims of qualifying crimes by providing law enforcement certifications when appropriate. The U-Visa Unit receives requests from noncitizen victims of crime throughout New York City. The program helps strengthen law enforcement's ability to detect, investigate, and prosecute crimes, while also offering important protection to noncitizen victims. A U-Visa may provide lawful status for up to four years, employment authorization, and, in certain cases, lawful status for qualifying noncitizen family members.