

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME

CLARE'S LAW

If you are worried that you, or someone you know, may be at risk of domestic abuse, you can ask the police to check whether their current or ex-partner has a history of abusive or violent behaviour.

Make a Clare's
Law application to
Thames Valley Police



WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED

- **Your details**
including whether you are applying for yourself or someone else.
- **Details of the person at risk**
(this may be you, or the person you are applying for).
- **Details of the person you want police to check.**
- **The nature of the relationship**
between the person at risk and the person you want the police to check.
- **What is worrying you, and why.**
- **Safe contact details for you**
and, if appropriate, for the person at risk.

The police will only use safe, agreed ways of contacting you. This is to avoid increasing risk.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU APPLY

- The police will carry out initial checks and assess any risk. If they identify an immediate risk of harm, they will take the necessary steps to keep people safe.
- The police will contact you, using the safe method provided.
- If the police decide that a disclosure is appropriate, they will choose the safest and most appropriate person to receive it – usually the person at risk. This will be in person or by an agreed safe method.
- If you applied on someone else's behalf, you may not receive the disclosure yourself.
- The process should be completed within 28 days of your application.

For further information visit
[victims-first.org.uk/crime-info/guidance-and-support/
domestic-abuse/](https://victims-first.org.uk/crime-info/guidance-and-support/domestic-abuse/)

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