

## VICTIMS IN DV COURT

The Courthouse is closed to the public through June 1, 2020.

After this date, we will be attempting to limit the number of people attending court. We will be moving hearings, or doing some hearings remotely, and often the Defendant will not be required to attend, if they are in touch with their attorney or complying with probation.

**You still have a right to be heard on these cases. The Emerge DV Court victim advocates will be attending the hearings and can speak for you.**

You also have a right to speak on your own behalf. The Court will help facilitate your appearance in court remotely or in person, although we are trying to limit the number of people in the courthouse for everyone's safety.

**We will be holding trials in person, with safety precautions in place, so if you do receive a subpoena, you must honor it.**

**DO NOT COME TO COURT EARLY- WE ARE SPACING THE HEARINGS OUT TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING SAFETY.**

The best way to make your voice heard is to contact

1. [Emerge](#). The advocates can speak for you, keep you up to date on what's happening in court, and let the Court and prosecutors know of any concerns or questions. An advocate can be reached by calling 520-248-1916 between the hours of 8:30 am and 5 pm. If the advocate is unavailable, please leave a message with your first and last name, a phone number that you can receive calls on, the best time to call, and any other detail you feel is important for the advocate to know with regard to safely reaching you.
2. The City Prosecutor's office. 791-5483

If you cannot connect to either of these two offices, you can use the email address below, but only:

- a. To give us contact information so you can be notified of what is happening in the case
- b. To give us contact information if you want to be heard on the case when the hearing happens, and you cannot be there in person.

Victim contact information can be kept confidential, however ANY INFORMATION YOU SHARE ABOUT THE CASE MAY BE FORWARDED TO BOTH SIDES OF THE CASE AND ANY PROBATION OFFICER. The Court cannot receive information and not share it with all parties.

If you use the email address, do NOT SPEAK about the facts of the case, and understand that since we cannot verify who is writing the email, we won't take any actions based on the email that involves allowing contact and return. Those requests must be routed through either Emerge or the Prosecutors office so your identity can be verified.

**DV Court Email:** [TucsonDVCourtinfo@courts.az.gov](mailto:TucsonDVCourtinfo@courts.az.gov)

**Remember, [Emerge](#) is still available to help you and the Court is open for Protective Orders- either in person or by phone. Use AzPoint(<https://azpoint.azcourts.gov/>) if you want to start a Protective Order application.**

**Stay safe and stay well!**

**Judge Million**