

SAFE
HORIZON

A GUIDE FOR
Victims and
Witnesses

in Juvenile Delinquency
Proceedings in Family Court

Dear Friend,

At Safe Horizon it is our mission to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. Our goal is to provide you with information and resources that will support you as you engage in the court process. I am pleased to provide you with **Safe Horizon's Handbook for Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings in Family Court**. Being in court can be confusing. It is important that you know your rights and how the court system works so that you can make informed decisions. We hope that you will find this guide a useful first step in that process.

While the information contained can help make your experience in court easier, it is not a substitute for legal advice. If you need assistance, I urge you to contact Safe Horizon's 24-hour hotline 212 577 7777 or visit a Safe Horizon office located in the criminal court buildings in every borough.

Sincerely,



Gordon J. Campbell
Chief Executive Officer
Safe Horizon

This handbook was funded by the New York State Crime Victims Board.

Introduction

The Family Court was established in 1962 and replaced the children's court and New York City's Domestic Relations Court. In addition to other types of civil cases, family court handles cases involving juvenile delinquency. **If you have been the victim of a crime committed by an individual under the age of 16, this guide was written for you.** The purpose of this guide is to help victims, witnesses, and their families better understand the victim's role in the family court case. It will provide a general overview of the family court process in delinquency proceedings and address some common questions and concerns. Included in this guide is a glossary of legal terms. Words in bold print are defined in the glossary. Also included is a section listing relevant resources. If you are in need of further information or assistance, please call Safe Horizon's 24-hour hotline at 212 577 7777.

What is a delinquency proceeding?

The case against the juvenile in family court is called a delinquency proceeding. These are cases involving youths at least 7 years old and under 16 who have committed an act that would be considered a crime if committed by an adult.

Will I have to hire an attorney to press charges in family court?

No. The **corporation counsel's** office is the **presentment agency** that brings most cases to court. The attorney who will present your case is called an assistant corporation counsel attorney, or ACC. The ACC works for the Law Department of the City of New York, Family Court Division.

Sometimes, depending on the age of the perpetrator and the type of crime alleged, the crime is charged as a felony rather than as a misdemeanor. In most of these **designated felony** cases the **district attorney's office** in family court will act as the presentment agency. Under these circumstances, the attorney is called an ADA or assistant district attorney.

Neither the assistant district attorney nor the assistant corporation counsel charges any fee to present a case in family court.

How does a delinquency case begin?

A delinquency case begins when the crime is reported to the police or to the probation department at family court. An arrest may or may not be made. The victim or witness is called the complainant or **complainant/witness**. The accused is the **respondent**.

Probation Intake

As a complainant/witness, you will be notified to appear for a probation intake appointment at the court. The probation officer will meet separately with the complainant/witness and the respondent in order to determine whether or not the case can be **adjusted** (that is, resolved without formal court proceedings). Adjustments sometimes include an agreement that the respondent will pay **restitution** to the victim, for instance when property has been damaged or destroyed. Sometimes the respondent must perform community service, engage in counseling, or abide by other conditions outlined in the adjustment process. The decision to adjust a case, or to refer the case to the corporation counsel, is made by the Probation Department applicable to Family Court. Some cases, such as cases of sexual assault or cases that include the use of weapons, may not be adjusted.

What if the case is not adjusted?

The assistant corporation counsel attorney (ACC) assigned to the case will meet with the complainant. The ACC will work to present the case to a judge and prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the respondent committed the act or acts charged. In order for the ACC to present the case to the judge, he/she will need your cooperation.

Filing the Case

The ACC will review the paperwork and arrange to interview the complainant and other witnesses. If the ACC determines that the case can go forward, the ACC will draw up a **supporting deposition**, a description and statement about what happened. The ACC will draw up a legal document known as a **petition**, alleging that the youth is a juvenile delinquent. This document will form the basis of the family court proceeding. The respondent will be served with a copy of the petition and the supporting deposition.

Initial Appearance

The respondent's first court appearance is called the **initial appearance**. In the adult court system this would be called the arraignment. At this appearance the respondent will be formally advised of the allegations and his/her right to hire a defense attorney. The court will appoint a law guardian for a respondent who cannot afford an attorney. You will not be required to appear at the respondent's initial appearance.

Sometimes the respondent admits to the charges or "enters an admission." In the adult system this would be called "pleading guilty" or "taking a plea." If the respondent admits to guilt (makes an admission), the presentment agency will not have to present the case. Instead the court will move to the next phase of the case where the respondent receives a sentence, known in family court as the **disposition**.

If the respondent denies the charges alleged in the petition, called pleading "not guilty," the case will be adjourned for a trial. In family court the trial is known as a **fact-finding hearing**. If the court believes the respondent may commit another crime or not return to court for the fact-finding hearing the judge may decide to detain the respondent in a facility until the court date. This kind of order is called a **remand**.

The Fact-Finding Hearing

The presentment agency will notify you by **subpoena** if you will be required to testify at

the fact-finding hearing. A subpoena is a legal notice informing you that you must appear in court. The attorney will prepare you to testify and answer any questions you may be asked about your role. You will be required to swear or affirm to tell the truth in court. The respondent and the respondent's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be present in the courtroom when you testify. There will also be court officers, attorneys, court personnel, clerks, and, the judge presiding over the proceedings. There is no jury in family court.

Sometimes a fact-finding hearing will be extended over several court dates. You may be required to make more than one court appearance. While it can be difficult and frustrating to have to attend several court sessions, it is important to follow the instructions of the court, which must be thorough with every case.

After the fact-finding hearing is completed, the judge will make a decision. In order to find the respondent guilty, the judge will need to hear proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the respondent committed the crime charged. This is a very high standard of proof. If the judge fails to find the respondent guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, the petition will be dismissed. This does not necessarily mean that the judge did not believe you. There are numerous rules and standards that must be applied in order for the judge to make a determination. If you have questions about the ruling, you can ask the corporation counsel attorney to explain it further.

If the court finds that the presentment agency's case has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt the court will then proceed to the last phase of the delinquency case, the disposition.

The Disposition

The last phase of the delinquency proceeding is the disposition. In the adult court this is called a sentencing. Unlike Criminal Court, the purpose of the family court is not to punish the youth for his/her delinquent act, but rather to rehabilitate by compelling the youth to abide by conditions of behavior and provide structure so the youth can stay in the community.

Between the fact-finding and the disposition hearing, the court may order the collection of various studies and reports that will assist the judge in making an appropriate ruling. The judge will want to learn about the respondent's home life, school records, overall physical and mental health, and any special circumstances that may perpetuate the child's delinquency if he/she remains in his/her current environment. The court is required to impose the least restrictive appropriate disposition to meet the respondent's

need for supervision, treatment, or confinement, while still considering the safety of the community.

It is important to remember that the severity of the disposition has less to do with the seriousness of the delinquent act and more to do with the needs of the youth. For example, a child who is guilty of shoplifting may be removed from his/her home and placed in a facility if the court determines that it is necessary for both the young person and the protection of the community. This is called **placement**. A young person who has committed an armed robbery may be placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to attend counseling. His/her attendance at school may be monitored and he/she may be required to report to a probation officer on a regular basis. This is called "probation supervision."

Sometimes the case is adjourned for a period of time while the respondent is ordered to meet special court-ordered conditions such as performing community service and satisfactory school attendance. If the respondent is not re-arrested during this period of time and he/she abides by the conditions set forth by the court, the case will be dismissed after the adjournment date passes. This is called ACD. An ACD is an **adjournment in contemplation of dismissal**. An ACD typically lasts for 6 months after which the case is sealed.

A CD is a **conditional discharge** which means that the court will impose conditions upon the respondent, usually for one year. If the respondent fails to abide by the conditions ordered by the court, and/or is re-arrested, the case returns to court and the original disposition may be changed.

Victim Impact Statement

Another report that the judge takes into consideration when deciding the disposition of a case is the victim impact statement. The investigation unit of the probation department will contact you before the dispositional hearing to ask how the crime impacted you. This is your opportunity to let the judge know how the crime affected you and your family. You may wish to tell the probation officer about the value of any stolen or damaged property, and/or medical bills you may have incurred, time you may have missed from work or school, and how you feel about what happened. This written report will be part of the Probation Department's investigation and report to the court. You will not be required to appear in court.

Some important terms that may help you

Adjournment: A postponement of a court case.

Adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal (ACD): The case is adjourned and the charge is automatically dismissed if the respondent meets conditions set forth by the court and is not re-arrested again within a set period of time.

Adjusted: A way that the department of probation settles certain complaints that usually results in the case not going before a judge.

Assistant District Attorney: The lawyer from the district attorney's office who represents the people of the State of New York and who appears in court to prosecute the case.

Beyond A Reasonable Doubt: The standard of proof in a criminal court case.

Complainant/Witness: The victim of a crime who brings the facts to the attention of the authorities.

Conditional Discharge (CD): A sentence in which the respondent is released on certain conditions set by the court; for example, participation in a drug rehabilitation program.

Corporation Counsel: The presentment agency responsible for presenting evidence against the respondent to the judge in the family court. An ACC is an assistant corporation counsel, an attorney who works for the presentment agency.

Delinquency Proceeding: A family court case against an individual between the ages of 7 and 15 who has committed an act which, if committed by an adult, would be considered a crime.

Designated Felony: Certain serious acts committed by a person 13, 14, or 15 years of age which, if committed by an adult, would be considered a crime.

Disposition: The outcome of the case.

District Attorney's Office: The office of the county official who represents the People of the State of New York in criminal prosecutions.

Fact-Finding Hearing: A hearing in a delinquency case to determine whether the respondent did the act alleged in the petition.

Initial Appearance: The first appearance before the court.

Juvenile Delinquent: A person at least 7 years of age and less than 16 years of age who commits an act that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime. Juvenile delinquents are processed in family court.

Misdemeanor: An offense punishable by up to one year in prison.

Petition: A written application to the court asking for specific action to be taken.

Petitioner: A victim who goes to family court and files a petition.

Placement: A disposition that includes the removal of a respondent from the home.

Presentment Agency: The agency that presents the evidence against a respondent to the family court judge in a delinquency case.

Remand: An order by a judge that a youth be kept at a detention facility while awaiting a hearing.

Respondent: The person against whom a petition or case is filed in family court.

Restitution: An order that requires the payment of money to a victim.

Subpoena: An order compelling a person to appear to testify or produce documents.

Supporting Deposition: Part of the fact-finding process in which a witness testifies under oath. A deposition is held out of court with no judge present.

Testify (testimony): To speak under oath.

Safe Horizon in the Family Courts

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime, there are services available. Safe Horizon operates reception centers in the family courts in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx where complainants can await court appointments and appearances. Our office in Staten Island, located near the courthouse, is available for this purpose too. We strive to create a safe, comfortable environment where your concerns are addressed by case managers who are trained in crisis intervention and victim assistance. Some of the services we provide include:

- Short-term counseling
- Assistance with Crime Victim's Board applications
- Transportation to and from court when necessary
- Emergency food assistance
- Referrals for lock replacements in relevant cases
- Excusal letters for school or employers
- Assistance with court-ordered restitution
- Child-care in our court-based children's centers
- Referrals for counseling and other entitlements

If you have other concerns, please notify a case manager at one of Safe Horizon's offices.

Resources

SAFE HORIZON CRIMINAL COURT PROGRAMS

Bronx Criminal Court Program
215 East 161st Street, Room 3-34
Bronx, NY 10451
718 590 2364

Brooklyn Criminal Court Program
120 Schermerhorn Street, 6th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 834 7476

Queens Criminal Court Program
120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room G-6
Kew Gardens, NY 11424
718 286 6730

Staten Island Criminal Court Program
67 Targee Street, Room B12
Staten Island, NY 10304
718 727 7555

CITYWIDE HOTLINES

Safe Horizon
24 hour Crime Victims Hotline
212 577 7777

Safe Horizon
Domestic Violence Hotline
1 800 621 HOPE

Safe Horizon
Rape, Sexual Assault & Incest Hotline
212 227 3000

New York Immigration Hotline
212 419 3700

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)
1 888 VINE 4 NY

CITYWIDE PROGRAMS

Safe Horizon Programs

Safe Horizon
Counseling Center
50 Court Street, 8th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
347 328 8033

Safe Horizon
Domestic Violence Law Project
346 Broadway, Suite 206
New York, NY 10013
212 577 3220

Other Programs

Barrier Free Living
Box 20799
New York, NY 10009 9991
212 533 4358
212 533 4632 (TTY)

Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Inc.
120 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
212 582 9100

The New York City Gay and Lesbian
Anti Violence Project
240 West 35th Street, Suite 200
New York, NY 10001
212 714 1184
24-hour Hotline 212 714 1141

Sanctuary for Families
P.O. Box 1406
Wall Street Station
New York, NY 10268
212 349 6009

BRONX

Safe Horizon Programs

Bronx Civil/Housing Court Children's Center
1118 Grand Concourse, Room C24
Bronx, NY 10456
718 466 3010

Bronx Criminal Court Program
215 East 161st Street, 3rd Floor
Bronx, NY 10451
718 590 2355

Bronx Family Court Children's Center
900 Sheridan Avenue, Room 7-90
Bronx, NY 10451
718 681 6618 / 6619

Bronx Family Court Program
900 Sheridan Avenue, Room 6E 38
Bronx, NY 10451
718 590 2371

Claremont Community Office
1460 Washington Avenue, Room 1G
Bronx, NY 10456
718 538 9382

Kingsbridge Community Office
2530 Grand Concourse, 7th Floor
Bronx, NY 10458
718 933 1000

Bronx Domestic Violence Police Programs

43rd Precinct
900 Fetley Avenue
Bronx, NY 10473
718 542 5589

44th Precinct
2 East 169th Street
Bronx, NY 10452
718 590 5500

49th Precinct
2121 Eastchester Road
Bronx, NY 10461
718 918 2050

PSA 7
737 Melrose Avenue
Bronx, NY 10451
718 292 3603

PSA 8
2794 Randall Avenue
Bronx, NY 10465
718 409 3672

Legal Services

Bronx Legal Services
579 Cortlandt Avenue
Bronx, NY 10451
718 993 6250
Bronx Legal Services
2605 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10468
718 220 0030

Other Community Resources

Bronx District Attorney's Office
198 East 161st Street
Bronx, NY 10451
718 590 2000

Bronx Independent Living Services
325 Decatur Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467
718 515 2800
718 515 2803 (TTY)

Citizen's Advice Bureau
1130 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10456
718 293 0202

Court Dispute Referral Center
Bronx Criminal Court
215 East 161st Street, Main Floor
Bronx, NY 10451
718 590 4500

Fordham Tremont Community
Health Center
2021 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10453
718 960 0310

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
3101 Kingsbridge Terrace
Bronx, NY 10463
718 884 0700

BROOKLYN

Safe Horizon Programs

Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center
30 Main Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 260 6094

Brooklyn Community Office
3021 Atlantic Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208
718 827 2850

Brooklyn Criminal Court Children's Center
120 Schermerhorn Street, 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 222 1550

Brooklyn Criminal and Supreme Court Program
Reception Center
120 Schermerhorn Street, 6th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 834 7476

Brooklyn Family Court Children's Center
283 Adams Street, Room 131
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 643 4624

Brooklyn Family Court Program Reception Center
283 Adams Street, Room 573
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 834 7440

Brooklyn Families of Homicide Victims Program
210 Joralemon Street, Room 608
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 834 6688

Brooklyn Mediation Center
210 Joralemon Street, Room 618
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 834 6671

Brooklyn Rape Awareness & Victim Advocacy
3021 Atlantic Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208
718 827 4700

Red Hook Community Justice Center
88 Visitation Place
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 923 8222

Legal Services

Legal Aid Society
166 Montague Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 722 3100

South Brooklyn Legal Services
105 Court Street, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn NY 11201
718 237 5500

Brooklyn Domestic Violence Police Programs

68th Precinct
333 66th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11220
718 439 4216

72nd Precinct
830 4th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11232
718 965 6363

75th Precinct
1000 Sutter Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208
718 827 3502

81st Precinct
30 Ralph Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11221
718 574 0407

PSA 1
2860 West 23rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11224
718 265 7357

PSA 2
560 Sutter Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206
718 922 3985

PSA 3
25 Central Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206
718 386 9674

Other Community Resources

Arab American Family Support Center
150 Court Street, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 643 8000

Center for the Elimination of Violence
in the Family
P.O. Box 200279
Brooklyn, NY 11220
718 439 1000

Court Dispute Referral Center
Brooklyn Criminal Court
120 Schermerhorn Street, Room 313
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 643 6290

Kings County District Attorney's Office
350 Jay Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 250 2000

Park Slope Safe Homes Project
P.O. Box 150429
Van Brunt Station
Brooklyn, NY 11215
718 499 2151

Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc.
2924 Fulton Street, 1st Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11207
718 647 7520

MANHATTAN

Safe Horizon Programs

Manhattan Civil Court Children's Center
111 Center Street, Room 103
New York, NY 10013
212 577 8769

Manhattan Criminal Court Restitution Program
100 Centre Street, Room 1102
New York, NY 10013
212 577 1268

Manhattan Family Court Children's Center
60 Lafayette Street, Room 1A
New York, NY 10013
212 374 3690

Manhattan Family Court Program
60 Lafayette Street, Room 1C2
New York, NY 10013
212 577 1271

Manhattan Domestic Violence Police Programs

23rd Precinct
164 East 102nd Street
New York, NY 10029
212 348 8463

24th Precinct
151 West 100th Street
New York, NY 10025
212 678 1850
PSA 4
18 22 Jackson Street
New York, NY 10002
212 375 9390

PSA 5
221 East 123rd Street
New York, NY 10035
212 426 6390

PSA 6
2770 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10030
212 690 3012

Legal Services

Harlem Legal Services
144 West 125th Street
New York, NY 10027
212 222 7800

Legal Aid Society
Harlem Neighborhood Office
2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd, 8th Fl.
New York, NY 10027
212 663 3293

MFY Legal Services
299 Broadway
New York, NY 10007
212 417 3700

Other Community Resources

Court Dispute Referral Center
Manhattan Criminal Court, Summons Part
346 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10013
212 374 8116

Manhattan District Attorney's Office
1 Hogan Place
New York, NY 10013
212 335 9000

QUEENS

Safe Horizon Programs

Queens Child Advocacy Center
90 14 161st Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 291 2555

Queens Civil Court Children's Center
89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Room 110
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 262 7182

Queens Criminal and Supreme Court Program
Reception Center/Counseling Unit
125 01 Queens Blvd. Room G7
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
718 286 6083

Queens Family Court Children's Center
89-14 Parsons Boulevard, Room B-25
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 520 3880

Queens Family Court Program
89 14 Parsons Boulevard, Room G357
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 262 0202

Queens Families of Homicide Victims Program
90 14 161st Street, Ground Level
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 834 6688

Jackson Heights Community Office
74 09 37th Avenue Room 412
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
718 899 1233

Jamaica Community Office
90 14 161st Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 291 2555

Rape Crisis Program
9014 161st Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 291 2555 ext.39

Queens Domestic Violence Police Programs

101st Precinct
16 12 Mott Avenue
Far Rockaway, NY 11691
718 868 3444

103rd Precinct
168 02 91st Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 739 6561

113th Precinct
167 02 Baisley Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11434
718 712 2986

114th Precinct
34 16 Astoria Blvd.
Queens, NY 11103
718 626 9316

PSA 9
155 09 Jewel Avenue
Flushing, NY 11367
718 969 9361

Legal Services

Legal Aid Society of NY
Queens Neighborhood Office
120 46 Queens Blvd., 3rd Floor
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
718 286 2450

Main Street Legal Services
Battered Women's Rights Clinic
65 21 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11367
718 340 4300

Queens Legal Services Corporation Domestic
Violence Law & Advocacy Project Hotline
89 00 Sutphin Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11435
718 657 0424

Other Community Resources

Corona/Elmhurst Guidance Center
37 22 82nd Street 2nd Floor
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
718 779 1600

Court Dispute Referral Center
Queens Criminal Court
125 01 Queens Boulevard, Room C24
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
718 520 4710

Elder Abuse Project/Safety Department
Jamaica Service Program For Older Adults, Inc.
162 04 Jamaica Avenue 3rd Floor
Jamaica, NY 11433
718 657 6500 ext. 794

Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention
Program (SAVI)
79 01 Broadway Room C9 26
Elmhurst, NY 11373
718 736 1288

Pomonok Neighborhood Center, Inc.
Crime Victim Assistance
67 09 Kissena Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11367
718 591 6060

Queens Child Guidance Center
87 08 Justice Avenue
Elmhurst, NY 11373
718 899 9810

Queens County District Attorney's Office
Domestic Violence Bureau
80 02 Kew Gardens Road Floor 1
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
718 286 6510

Safespace
Domestic Violence Services
90 14 161st Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
718 526 2400

STATEN ISLAND

Safe Horizon Programs

Staten Island Child Advocacy Center
280 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 556 0844

Staten Island Community Office
130 Stuyvesant Place, 5th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 448 3118

Staten Island Criminal Court Program
67 Targee Street, Room B12
Staten Island, NY 10304
718 727 7555

Staten Island Family Court Children's Center
51 Stuyvesant Place, Room 323
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 442 4613

Staten Island Family Court Program
130 Stuyvesant Place, 5th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 447 3820

Staten Island Domestic Violence Police Programs

PBSI HU
154 Lamport Blvd.
Staten Island, NY 10305
718 390 0251

120th Precinct
78 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 876 8609

Legal Services

Legal Aid Society
Staten Island Neighborhood Office
60 Bay Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 273 6677

Other Community Resources

Beacon Center for Family Services
221 Broadway U.A.U. P.S. 18
Staten Island, NY 10310
718 448 5591

Seamen's Society for Children & Families
25 Hyatt Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 447 7740

Staten Island District Attorney's Office
111 Canal Street
Village Hall
Staten Island, NY 10304
718 876 5723

Staten Island Mental Health Society
669 Castleton Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 442 2225

Staten Island YMCA Little Steps Program
3911 Richmond Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10312
718 984 3232

You Participate in Solutions (Y.P.I.S.)
130 Stuyvesant Place, 5th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10301
718 720 9410 ext. 12

Safe Horizon is the nation's leading nonprofit victim assistance, advocacy, and violence prevention organization. With a staff of over 900, Safe Horizon offers over 75 programs throughout New York City's five boroughs. Through our 24-hour hotlines and our programs in community offices, courts, shelters, police precincts, and schools we help more than 250,000 New Yorkers each year.

SAFE
HORIZON