

Maine Labor Laws on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Maine laws protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in employment.

This poster describes some important parts of the laws. A copy of the actual laws or formal interpretations may be obtained from the Maine Department of Labor by calling (207) 623-7900.

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How You Are Protected

Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking:

- ✓ You may take reasonable and necessary leave from employment if you, your child, spouse, or parent is a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Title 26, § 850.
- ✓ Notice of violation(s) must be reported within six months of the occurrence. If you are denied leave, a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation may be assessed against the employer. Additionally, the employer is liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to three times the amount of total assessed fines. If you are terminated, you may elect either the liquidated damages or reemployment with the employer with back wages.

Unemployment Benefit Eligibility:

- ✓ If you voluntarily leave work, you may not be disqualified from receiving benefits if your leaving was necessary to protect yourself from domestic abuse, and you made all reasonable efforts to keep your job. Title 26, §1193, §§1(A)4
- ✓ You may not be disqualified from receiving benefits because of misconduct if your actions were based solely on the need to protect yourself or an immediate family member from domestic violence, and you made all reasonable efforts to keep your job. Title 26, §1043, §§23(B)3

Who You Can Contact for Help

Domestic Violence Hotlines by County:

Androscoggin	1-800-559-2927
Aroostook	1-800-439-2323
Cumberland	1-800-537-6066
Franklin	1-800-559-2927
Hancock	1-800-315-5579
Kennebec	1-877-890-7788
Knox	1-800-522-3304
Lincoln	1-800-522-3304
Oxford	1-800-559-2927
Penobscot	1-800-863-9909
Piscataquis	1-888-564-8165
Sagadahoc	1-800-522-3304
Somerset	1-877-890-7788
Waldo	1-800-522-3304
Washington	1-800-315-5579
York	1-800-239-7298

Other Resources:

National Domestic Violence Hotline:	1-800-799-7233
	TTY: 1-800-787-3224 • www.thehotline.org
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence	1-866-834-4357 www.MCEDV.org
Statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Line	1-800-871-7741 TTY 1-888-458-5599
Maine Department of Labor	207-623-7900 TTY users call Maine Relay 711
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence	207-430-8334
Aroostook Band of Micmac	207-764-1972 or 1-800-355-1435
Maliseet Advocacy Center	207-532-6401
Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations	1-877-853-2613
Penobscot Nation Advocacy Center	207-631-4886
United Somali Women of Maine	207-753-0061