

Domestic Violence

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When attacked on the street at the hands of strangers, most people know enough to call the police. But when the violence hits home at the hands of a spouse or someone you live with, many feel there's nowhere to turn.

If your partner beats up on you, threatens or calls you names forces you to have sex or destroys your personal things, then you are a victim of what's called domestic violence. It's not your fault and you have a legal right to have it stopped.

You can protect yourself from such abuse by asking a judge to keep the abuser away from you, our children, your home, school or workplace. This is called a restraining order. You can file a restraining order against an abusive husband or wife, ex-spouse, and adult related to you by blood or marriage, the other parent of your minor child, a sexual partner you now live with or a sexual partner with whom you used to live within the last two years.

To get a restraining order against

any of these people, they must have injured you, tried to injure you, made you afraid of getting badly beaten or forced you to have sex. The abuse must have occurred within the past six months, and you must be in immediate danger of further abuse.

You don't need a lawyer to get a restraining order. It's free. Simply go to Room 211 of the Multnomah County Courthouse (1021 SW 4th in downtown Portland) and tell the clerk you need a restraining order. Fill out the forms and hand them back. You may also ask the judge to grant you custody of your children. The abuser must be served by the sheriff, or anyone 18 years or older, with a copy of the restraining order. You cannot serve the order yourself.

The abuser violates the order, the police must arrest him or her.

Even if you don't have a restraining order and the abuser attacks you, call the police. They are required to make an arrest if they have "probable cause" to think you were assaulted.

You also have the right to file criminal charges against the abuser after an arrest. Simply call the District Attorney at 248-3860.

In addition to these precautions, you can also stay in one of several shelters with confidential locations throughout the city where you and your children can be safe from the abuser. Counseling and support groups are also available in dealing with the emotional trauma suffered from domestic violence.

A list of the services is available by calling The Portland Women's Crisis Line at 235-5333.

Multnomah County Legal Aid Service provides legal advice and representation to low-income people living in Multnomah County who are victims of domestic violence. Appointments may be made by calling our Family Law Center at 226-7991 or our North/Northeast Community Law Office (on the Portland Community College Cascade Campus) at 295-9494.

Coors CEO To Chair 20th Annual Whitney M. Young Jr. Award Dinner

The Los Angeles Urban League has announced that its 20th Annual Whitney M. Young Jr. Award Dinner will be held Thursday, April 8, at the Los Angeles Century Plaza Hotel. Peter H. Coors, chief executive officer of Coors Brewing Company, will act as this year's dinner chairman.

"We are extremely pleased to have Peter Coors as our Whitney M. Young Jr. Award Dinner chairman," says L.A. Urban League President John Mack. "His commitment to identifying community concerns and participating in meaningful solutions is evidenced by the working relationship the Urban League has had with Coors Brewing Company for several years. This is consistent with our mission to help secure equal opportunities for African American and other minorities."

Peter Coors, great grandson of Coors brewery founder Adolph Coors attended Phillips Exeter Academy, where he graduated in 1965. He obtained his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Cornell University in 1969 and his master's in business administration from the University of Denver in 1970.

Coors was granted an honorary doctorate from Regis University in 1991. He also was awarded an honorary doctor of Humanities degree by Wilberforce University in 1992, where he was recognized as a "servant leader" for his efforts with numerous community programs and services, including the Coors "Literacy. Pass it On." program, the National Black Incentive Covenant, and his appointment to President Bush's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

Coors presently serves on the National Industrial Advisory Council of Opportunities Industrialization Center of American (OIC/A), and is past chairman of the National Industrial Advisory Council (NIAC) Fund Raising Council of OIC/A. Other civic responsibilities include serving on the boards of the Denver Council of the Boy Scouts of America and National Junior Achievement.

Coors is a member and past chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans and the National Council of La Raza Advisory Council. He also is a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Young Presi-

dents Organization and is the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the state of Colorado.

Coors Brewing Company has worked in partnership with the Urban League for several years, supporting first the Urban League Data Processing Center, and now the Urban League Milken Family Literacy Center which has trained over 900 people since its inception.

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Award Dinner is the single largest fund-raising event sponsored by the Los Angeles Urban League. It supports a variety of community programs, including job training and job placement retraining, education and minority economic development. In addition to Coors Brewing Company, corporate sponsors for this year's dinner include American Savings, Arco, Food 4 Less Supermarkets inc., Nissan Motor Corporation in USA, Pepsi-Cola West, Ryder System Inc., The Southland Corporation and Toyota Motor Sales USA inc.

The tax-deductible donation to the event is \$350 per person, or \$3,500 for a table of 10. For further information, contact dinner headquarters at (213) 299-3677 or (213) 299-9660.

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Is pleased to announce openings for its on-line volunteer training for MAY of 1993. The training consists of 46 hours of instruction, spread out over a three and a half week period, meeting four Saturdays, plus Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The training serves as the preparation for answering the Crisis Line's 24-hour-a-day hotline which provides crisis intervention services for women and children who are victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

On-Line volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and female. Some knowledge of domestic and sexual violence is helpful, but not required.

Deadline for applications is Friday, April 30th. For further information, please call 232-9545 during normal business hours.

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Atlanta Youths Visit Super Show as Guests of Reebok and the Association of Black Sporting Goods Professionals



Visiting the 1993 Super Show exhibit as guests of Reebok and the ABSG, Atlanta youths had an opportunity to meet Atlanta Hawks (l to r), Jon Koncak, Duane Ferrell and Dominique Wilkins

ATLANTA, GA -- In an effort to expose minority youth to career opportunities available in the athletic footwear and sporting goods industry, Reebok International Ltd., and the Association of Black Sporting Goods Professionals (ABSG), played host to a group of high school age youths from the City of Atlanta as they toured the 1993 Super Show exhibit held recently at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The students, who represented a cross-section of educational, fitness and youth advocacy organizations including: Exodus; Project Catalyst; Kids Gym USA; the Southwest Atlanta Youth Business Organization, and the Atlanta Fulton Commission on Children and Youth; were escorted around Super Show by members of the Association of Black Sporting Goods Professionals, all of whom are employed by companies who participated in the exhibit. Each ABSG guide answered questions and offered insight into the career possibilities the athletic footwear and sporting goods industries present.

Following the tour, the teens attended a reception hosted by Reebok, during which they had the opportunity to interact with a variety of black sporting goods professionals and youth advocates. In addition, Reebok invited the students to apply for an 8-week summer internship in the company's Atlanta office which was established in conjunction with the Super Show tour event.



Following the tour, the teens posed for a group shot with Leslie Mays, (3rd right, front), Reebok's director of cultural diversity. Mays also provided details on the Reebok summer internship which was established especially for the event.