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### **LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS**

EDISON — The latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) centers on important laws and rights involving various forms of domestic violence, and how fearful victims can seek protection from abusers.

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” may be viewed online at [www.lsnjlaw.org](http://www.lsnjlaw.org).

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the newsletter lists and explains the 19 crimes under state law that can be linked to situations of alleged abuse and other acts of domestic violence.

“If you think you have been a victim of any of these crimes, you should contact any attorney or your local domestic violence agency,” the article stresses, noting the New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 1-800-572-7233. Additionally, help is available from the LSNJLAW<sup>SM</sup> Hotline at [www.lsnjlawhotline.org](http://www.lsnjlawhotline.org) or 1-888-576-5529.

The newsletter deals with obtaining temporary restraining orders against abusers, whose alleged violations are tied to any of the 19 specified criminal laws, including, among others, harassment, assault, terroristic threats, restraint, coercion and cyber-harassment.

Depending upon the circumstances, victims can request restraining orders under the state’s Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, or protective orders under the Victim’s Assistance and Survivor Protection Act. The article explains the differences between the two.

Others articles in the newsletter deals with renters' rights, health care options for college students, and the availability of free at-home COVID-19 tests.

*Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of six independent nonprofit corporations that provides free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people in all 21 counties.*

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