



DV, Imminent Danger, and Eligibility for Shelter

Families are not eligible for shelter placement or to remain in shelter if they are in an imminently dangerous situation that might cause harm to themselves, shelter families, or shelter staff. The shelter is not able to ensure the safety of families if a perpetrator(s) is actively threatening or pursuing any member of the family. The shelter has a published address and is not considered a “safe house.” In most cases of imminent danger, all members of the family will be required to leave immediately. Some examples of imminent danger in which a family member has self-identified that he or she does not feel safe remaining in the shelter include, but are not limited to:

- A perpetrator is pursuing a family member after a domestic violence incident.
- A perpetrator is pursuing a family member due to gang or other criminal activity in which there may be retaliation.
- A perpetrator is pursuing a family member for an alleged grievance against a family member.

A shelter may make an exception to the above client-reported imminent danger and determine that imminent danger exists based on objective information that includes but is not limited to:

- Information or reports from CPS, SFPD or another official body.
- Staff witnessing an incident.