

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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You have certain judicial remedies for relief if you have been subjected to abuse. In other words, the court may issue an "ORDER OF PROTECTION" to assist you in the future from being a victim of abuse.

Domestic "abuse" is a special statutory term that focuses on acts, attempts, or threats by one "family or household member" against another.

## INJUNCTIONS

Anyone who has been subjected to abuse by another family or household member may feel threatened and may petition a Judge of the Jefferson County Court for an "ORDER OF PROTECTION", which is an order from the court for the subject to leave the residence. This order is called an "EX PARTE".

## THERE ARE NO FEES FOR THE FILING OF THE PETITION

The "EX PARTE" will remain in effect until a hearing can be held. After the full hearing, the order may remain in effect for 180 days. The order may be renewed after this time.

A full order of protection may also award custody of children or child support, require the making of rent/mortgage payments, grant temporary possession of personal property (automobiles, checkbooks, keys, etc.) and other rights.

YOU DO NOT NEED AN ATTORNEY TO FILE FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION.

## SHELTERS

A shelter is available in Jefferson County, if you need relief from domestic violence. The telephone number for the shelter is 636-931-2700. This telephone will be answered 24 hours a day. Transportation will be arranged, if needed.

While this handout is not intended to be legal advice, it may supply you with necessary information needed regarding your rights, concerning domestic violence.