

IMPORTANT



A Restraining Order will not protect your children. If they are in danger, you can file in Juvenile Court for an Order to protect them.

You can also call the Department of Social Services for help.

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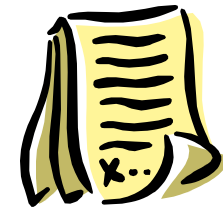
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HOW TO GET A RESTRAINING ORDER



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RESTRAINING ORDERS



JUDGE

WHAT IS A RESTRAINING ORDER

It is a temporary document issued by a magistrate that orders someone who is hitting, threatening, stalking or harassing you to stop and stay away.

Usually used for ex-girl friends/boyfriends, neighbors, acquaintances or strangers.

YOU MUST HAVE 2 REPORTED INCIDENTS IN THE LAST 90 DAYS.

WHAT CAN A RESTRAINING ORDER DO FOR YOU?

Require the abuser to keep away from you and your home.

Prevent any communication from the abuser.

Order will last for 6 months

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For Lexington County
Go to Magistrates Office at 605 W. Main St. Suite 100. Fill out request for the order. You will be given a court date probably in about 3 weeks.

The other person will be served with notice for the hearing, so you must have his or her current address.

On your hearing date, bring any evidence that you have, pictures, police reports, medical records or witnesses.

The judge will ask you what happened. He will listen to both sides and make a decision whether to issue the order.

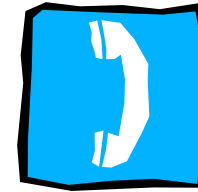
Before your hearing, organize your thoughts.....write things down. Tell your story from the beginning. Dress appropriately. No shorts, jeans or gum!!

If an order is issued and the person violates it, you must call the police and make a report. Then call the judge and report the violation.

HINT

Try to get a babysitter or have someone with you to watch your kids. You need to give the judge your full attention.

Whatever happens, you must take steps to protect yourself and your children! If you feel like you are in danger....go to a safe place!



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911

TOWN POLICE
359-6260

MAGISTRATE
785-8221
SISTERCARE
765-9428

VICTIM ADVOCATE
356-2746
SEXUAL TRAUMA SERVICES
771-7273

LEXINGTON SHERIFF
785-8230

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