

IMPORTANT



An Order of Protection 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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HOW TO GET AN ORDER OF PROTECTION



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ORDERS OF PROTECTION

WHAT IS AN ORDER OF



JUDGE

PROTECTION? It is a temporary document issued by a judge that orders someone who is hitting or threatening you to stop and stay away from you. Must have an incident within the last forty eight hours.

WHO CAN YOU TAKE AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AGAINST?

Your past or present husband or wife; a family member; the parent of your child; a person of the opposite sex who lives with you; someone kin to you by blood or marriage.

WHAT CAN AN ORDER OF PROTECTION DO FOR YOU?

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

Give you temporary custody of your children.

Prevent any communication from the abuser.

Gives police the authority to assist you in removing personal property from your home.

HOW TO GET AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

Go to Clerk of Court at the Lexington Co Courthouse. Fill out a request for the order. You will be given a court date.

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.

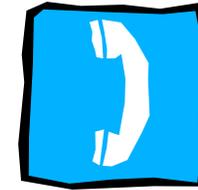
Before your hearing, organize your thoughts....write things down. Tell your story from the beginning. Dress appropriately. No shorts, jeans or gum!!

If an order is issued and the person violates it, you must call the police. In order to enforce, the police must see the order.

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!



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE EMERGENCY

911

LEXINGTON POLICE

359-6260

CLERK OF COURT

785 -8212

SISTERCARE

765-9428

VICTIM ADVOCATE

356-2746

SEXUAL TRAUMA SERVICES

771-7273

LEXINGTON SHERIFF

785-8230

VINE INFORMATION

1-800-660-2681

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