

the CENTER for PREVENTION of ABUSE

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Contacts:

Order of Protection Office -----	(309) 346-6645
Center for Prevention of Abuse (Pekin Office) -----	(309) 477-3066
(Peoria Office) -----	(309) 691-0551
Hotline -----	(800) 559-SAFE (7233)
Prairie State Legal Services -----	(309) 674-9831
	(800) 322-2280
Illinois State Bar Association -----	(800) 922-8757
Tazewell County Sheriff -----	(309) 346-4141
<i>(to check if OP has been served)</i>	
Tazewell County Sheriff (non emergency) -----	(309) 346-4141
Tazewell County Jail (prisoner information) -----	(309) 477-2253
State's Attorney's Office -----	(309) 477-2205
Circuit Clerk -----	(309) 477-2216
Senior Services -----	(309) 637-3905
Elder Abuse Hotline -----	(309) 279-0400
Emergency Response Services -----	(309) 347-1148
Child Abuse Hotline -----	(800) 252-2873
Children's Advocacy Center -----	(309) 347-6001
Tazewell County Health Dept -----	(309) 477-2333
Tazewell County Public Aid -----	(309) 347-4184

Websites

centerforpreventionofabuse.org
illinoislegalaid.org
illinoislawyerfinder.com

ORDER OF PROTECTION INFORMATION

Order of Protection Office
Tazewell County Courthouse, Room 301

Emergency Petition Court Times:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am
3:30pm	3:30pm	3:00pm	3:30pm	3:00pm

• All emergency petitions must go before the judge.

• To see a judge you must arrive at the
Order of Protection Office
a minimum of one hour before your court time.

In case of an emergency, call 911

HELPFUL SAFETY TIPS

AN EXPLOSIVE INCIDENT

Practice how to get out of your home safely and identify which doors, windows, elevator or stairwell would be best. Have a packed bag ready and keep it at a relative's or friend's home in order to leave quickly. Identify one or more neighbors you can tell about the violence and ask that they call the police if they hear a disturbance coming from your home. Devise a code word to use with your children, family, friends or neighbors when you need the police. Decide and plan for where you will go if you have to leave home (even if you don't think you'll need to). Use your own instincts and judgment. If the situation is very dangerous, consider giving the abuser what he/she wants to calm down. You have the right to protect yourself until you are out of danger.

PREPARING TO LEAVE

Leave money, an extra set of keys, copies of important documents, extra medicines and clothes with someone you trust so you can leave immediately. Determine who would be able to let you stay with them or lend you some money. Keep the shelter or hotline phone number close at hand or programmed into your cell phone. Keep change or a calling card on you at all times for emergency phone calls.

IN YOUR OWN HOME

Discuss a safety plan with your children for when you are not with them.

FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

Keep your Order of Protection on you at all times (*when you change your purse, that should be the first thing that goes in it*). Give a copy of your Order of Protection to a trusted neighbor, family member and your child's school.

ON THE JOB AND IN PUBLIC

Decide who at work you will inform of your situation; this should include office or building security. Arrange to have an answering machine, caller ID or a trusted friend or relative screen your calls if possible. Keep all text messages, voice mails and e-mails. These can be used as evidence in a hearing. Devise a safety plan for when you leave work. Have someone escort you to your car, the bus or train and to wait with you until you are on your way.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH

If you are thinking of returning to a potentially abusive situation, discuss an alternate plan with someone you trust. Plan to attend a support group at least 2 times per week to gain support from others. These are offered through..

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