

What can you do if an adult friend or relative is a victim of abuse?

- Provide them with information about local resources.
- Listen without judgement
- Share your concerns for the person's safety and safety of the children.
- Offer your support and assistance.

No one deserves to be abused.

If you see or hear an assault in progress, CALL THE POLICE.

DOMESTIC ABUSE IS AGAINST THE LAW.

THE FAMILY COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY CAN HELP.

Remember you are not alone. Everyone deserves to be safe.



Adult Abuse Office
Family Court of St. Louis County
7900 Carondelet
Plaza Level 1, Room 156A
Clayton, MO 63105
314-615-8086

www.stlouiscodvcouncil.com

Are You or is Your Child a Victim of Abuse?

Has your spouse or partner:

- Physically attacked you or your child?
- Threatened you or your child?
- Held or confined you or your child against your will?

Has your spouse or partner stalked you or your child?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, you and/or your child may file for an Order of Protection with the Family Court of St. Louis County.

The Family Court of St. Louis County can help you.

St. Louis County Adult Abuse Office (314) 615-4725

General Questions Regarding Order of Protection (“O/P”)

WHAT IS AN “O/P”?

It is a court order that can keep the person (Respondent) you are filing against away from you because Respondent committed one of the following acts against you or your child: causing or attempting to cause physical or sexual assault, placing or attempting to place you in apprehension of immediate physical harm, coercion, harassment, false imprisonment or stalking.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR AN “O/P”?

Yes, if:

- You are 17 years or older or emancipated and
- Respondent is one of the following:
 - * A spouse, former spouse, or related to you by blood or marriage
 - * Someone with whom you presently live or with whom you formerly lived
 - * A parent or guardian of a child
 - * Someone who is, or has been, in a continuing social relationship with you
 - * A stalker.

WHAT RELIEF CAN YOU GET FROM THE “O/P”?

The Court can restrain Respondent from:

- Physically harming you, or causing you fear of immediate physical harm
- Having any type of contact with you
- Entering your family home, place of employment or school
- Getting within a certain distance from you

The Court may also order custody, visitation, support or counseling for respondent.

HOW LONG DOES AN “O/P” LAST?

6 months to 1 year with automatic renewal for additional year.

Applying for an “O/P”

Make sure that you mark all of the proper boxes in your application and give detailed information on the abuse or stalking.

BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IF YOU CAN:

- **Address** for Respondent;
- **Car description and license plate number** for Respondent;
- **Social Security number** of Respondent;
- **Birth date** of Respondent;
- **Specific dates of the most recent abuse or instance of stalking.**

You do not need:

- A Filing fee, court costs or bond
- An attorney to appear in Court.

You must appear in court at the time and date of hearing or your case will be dismissed.

An Order of Protection DOES NOT GUARANTEE your safety. To enforce the order or to report a violation contact the police immediately.

WHERE CAN YOU FILE AN APPLICATION FOR AN “O/P”?

St. Louis County Family Court
Adult Abuse Office
7900 Carondelet Avenue,
Plaza Level 1, Room 156A
Clayton, MO 63105

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

After hours: call your local police department

Who can you talk to if you need assistance when filing?

County Order of Protection Assistance Program (COPA)

Provided by:

Legal Advocates for Abused Women (LAAW)

St. Louis County Family Court
7900 Carondelet
Plaza Level 1, Room 156 A
Clayton, MO 63105
314-615-3210
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OTHER RESOURCES

CRISIS SUPPORT/COUNSELING/ADVOCACY/SHELTER

ALIVE.....	314-993-2777
Bridgeway Women’s Center	636-946-6854
Comtrea’s A Safe Place	877-266-8732
Life Source Consultants	314-524-0686
Safe Connections.....	314-531-2003
St. Martha’s Hall	314-533-1313
The Women’s Safe House	314-772-4535
Weinman Center.....	314-423-1117
Women’s Place	314-645-4848
YWCA Women’s	
Resource Center	314-726-6665

LEGAL SERVICES AND COURT ADVOCACY

Lasting Solutions.....	314-534-4200	ext. 1244
Legal Advocates for Abused Women.....	314-664-6699	
Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry.....	314-997-3993	

VICTIM SERVICES

Victim Service Division..... 314-615-4872
(St. Louis Co. Prosecutor’s Office)