

PECULIAR, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADULT ABUSE INFORMATION

YOU HAVE A RIGHT NOT TO BE ABUSED.

If you feel you are being abused (physically, mentally, verbally, or sexually), call one of these numbers for information on what you can do to stop the abuse or get away from your abuser.

HOPE HAVEN - 380-4663

(Cass County)

ROSE BROOKS - 861-6100

(Kansas City & Northland area)

NEWS HOUSE - 241-0311

(Northeast Kansas City)

HOPE HOUSE - 461-4673

(Eastern Jackson County)

These phone numbers will be answered 24 hours a day, and you will be able to get information **free** of charge on housing, financial aid, medical aid, counseling services, and shelter.

You do not have to give your name to the person you talk to, and all information you give over the phone at these numbers is confidential.

For free legal information call **PROJECT ASSIST**, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 474-6750.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY ARE CRIMES. Any person who hits, chokes, kicks, threatens, harasses, or places you in fear of harm, either with or without a weapon, has broken the law. You can file criminal charges against your abuser.

*Assault and battery reports are reported to your local police department. The police will refer you to the proper location for the filing of charges or advise you if the police are obtaining a warrant.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY ABUSED, CALL THE POLICE

IF YOU HAVE INJURIES, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION. Emergency rooms of local hospitals will see you, if you do not have a regular physician.

Officer Serial No. Date

Respondent Signature

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE SAFE

YOU CAN FILE FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION AGAINST THE PERSON WHO IS ABUSING YOU. Contact your local courthouse for information.

Jackson County

Kansas City - 415 E. 12th 881-3974

Independence - 306 W. Kansas City 881-4558

Platte County - Platte City 464-2232

Clay County - Liberty 459-1704

Cass County - Harrisonville 380-5100

FILING FOR AN ORDER

- * You do not need an attorney.
- * You do not need an accurate residence / employer address for your abuser.
- * You do need to bring a picture of your abuser (if at all possible).
- * You do need a description of your abuser's car.

AN ORDER OF PROTECTION MAY CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

- * An order telling your abuser not to abuse, threaten, or otherwise harass you.
- * An order telling your abuser to move out of your home.
- * An order awarding child custody
- * An order awarding child support (full orders only).
- * An order telling your abuser not to sell or give away your property, or telling your abuser to return certain items of property to you.
- * An order telling your abuser to contribute to your support (if you are married).

IF YOUR ABUSER VIOLATES AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, YOU MUST CALL THE POLICE.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

- * You are not the cause of someone else's violent behavior.
- * You do not deserve to be abused.
- * You have the **RIGHT** to expect and demand help and respect.
- * You have the right to think, feel, and make choices and changes.