

## INFORMATION SHEET

Restraining Orders are processed Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. You may obtain a packet anytime during business hours (Mon. thru Fri. 8am to 5pm) and return another day if you desire.

You are eligible to use this Restraining Order procedure if you are a victim of abuse committed within 180 days\* before the filing of the petition. The abuse must have occurred in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) you have been physically injured;
- (2) an attempt has been made to injure you physically;
- (3) you have been placed in fear of imminent bodily injury; or
- (4) you have been forced (by actual force or threat of force) to engage in sexual relations against your will.

\*NOTE: Any period of time after the abuse occurred during which the respondent was incarcerated (in jail or prison) or lived more than 100 miles from your home does not count as part of the 180-day time period, and you may still be eligible for a Restraining Order.

### AND

If you are an ADULT (age 18 or older) and the abuse was committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly by any one of the following persons:

- (1) the person you are married to;
- (2) a person you used to be married to;
- (3) the person with whom you presently cohabit or with whom you have cohabited;
- (4) a person with whom you have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship anytime within the last two years before you file the petition;
- (5) adults related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption (including in-laws, parents, adult children, aunts, uncles, adult grandchildren, and other relatives) or;
- (6) a person not married to you with whom you have a child who is unmarried and under 18 years of age.

If you are a MINOR\* (age 17 or younger) and the abuse was committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly by any of the following persons who are 18 years of age or older:

- (1) the person you are married to;
- (2) a person you used to be married to; or
- (3) a person with whom you have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship.

\*If you are a minor, and have not been married or emancipated, other paperwork may be required before you can file a Restraining Order.

Once you have completed the packet to the best of your ability check in at the Court Records Office, Room 301, and someone will go over the paperwork with you prior to submitting it to a Judge for review.

**PLEASE NOTE: Do not sign any of the documents in this packet until you are in front of a clerk of the court. Your signature MUST be witnessed by a court clerk.**