

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Each day, thousands of people become victims of domestic violence. Whether you are a victim, or know someone who is a victim, there are resources available to help. Through education and support, victims can become survivors of domestic violence.

### ***What is domestic violence and Who is involved!***

Battery is a crime. Any person who: hits, chokes, kicks, threatens, harasses or interferes with the personal liberty of another family or household member, has broken the law. Household members include: spouses (present and former), parents, children, stepchildren, people related by blood or by marriage, and people who share a child. It also includes roommates (past and present) and people who have a dating relationship.

### ***What can you expect when the police are called?***

When you contact the Streamwood Police Department to report a domestic incident, expect that a full investigation into the incident will be initiated. This will include questioning all parties involved. Not all domestic incident reports will end in an arrest. If the police determine that a domestic crime has occurred, an arrest is mandatory. Once it is determined that one of the parties will be arrested, that person will be taken to the Police Department and will remain confined until a bond hearing can be held before a judge.

If an arrest is not made, the incident will be documented and referral sources will be given to the victim and his/her family. Whether or not an arrest is made, the responding officer will arrange transportation to a safe location if requested.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

### ***Bond Hearings***

A bond hearing is a court proceeding where a judge hears the facts of the case and then determines the appropriate amount of bond that the defendant will need to post to be released. Bond hearings are usually held the day after an arrest. As a condition of the bond, the defendant will not be allowed to contact the victim, or enter the home of the victim, for 72 hours after bond is posted. If the defendant violates this condition, he/she could possibly be arrested again. If bond cannot be posted, the defendant will remain in custody at the county jail until bond is posted. The victim may receive information on a defendant's custody status or court date information by calling the Automated Victim Notification line at 877.846.3445.

### ***Future Court Proceedings***

There will be additional court dates set after the bond hearing. The victim's appearance is mandatory unless excused by the judge. The victim will not need to hire an attorney, as the State's Attorney's office will serve as his/her representative. The decision to drop criminal charges rests solely with the State's Attorney's Office.

When needed, the Streamwood Police Department staff can provide transportation to court upon request.

**Before you  
can HEAL,  
Break FREE!**

## ORDERS OF PROTECTION

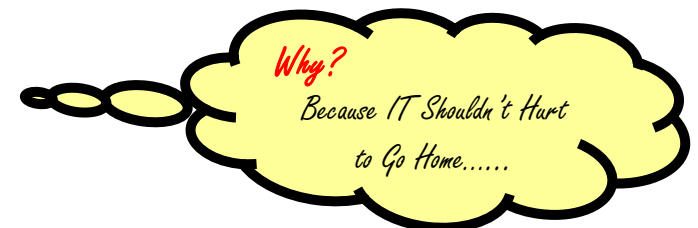
### ***What is an Order of Protection?***

### ***An Order of Protection is a court order that:***

- ❶ Is available only to family or household members.
- ❷ Prohibits an abuser from certain activities. This can include future abuse and harassment. It can also bar an abuser from returning to the home or the victim's place of employment.
- ❸ Orders an abuser to take certain actions. This can include paying child support, medical costs, and legal expenses. It can also include undergoing counseling.

### ***How do I get an order?***

- ❶ It is strongly recommended that the victim attend the bond hearing and talk to the State's Attorney in the court room.
- ❷ Contact a nearby domestic violence or advocacy program. (See "Resources")
- ❸ Go to the local circuit clerk's office and request paperwork. (civil order)
- ❹ Ask an attorney to file a petition in civil court.
- ❺ Request an order in conjunction with a divorce proceeding.
- ❻ The order of protection is enforceable only after the defendant has been served. It is strongly recommended that the victim become familiar with the order and keep a copy with him/her at all times.



## Resources

**Streamwood Police Department  
Social Worker  
Karyn Nelson, MSW  
(630) 736-3721**

**Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
2121 W. Euclid Avenue  
Rolling Meadows, IL.  
1-847-818-2326**

**Community Crisis Center, Elgin, 24-Hour  
(847) 697-2380,  
TDD (847) 742-4057,  
Spanish (847) 697-9740**

**Department of Children and Family  
Services (DCFS): 1-800-25-ABUSE**

**Northwest Coalition Against Sexual  
Assault (NWCASA),  
24-Hour (847) 228-0990,  
Office (847) 806-6526**

**Hanover Township (630) 483-5799**

**Safe from the Start, Streamwood (630)  
540-0549**

**Harbour Inc. (847) 297-8540 24-Hour**

**Life Span (847) 824-0382 24-Hour**

**Illinois Coalition Against  
Domestic Violence: 1-217-789-2830**

### **ILLINOIS CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT**

The Illinois Crime Victim's Compensation Act provides financial compensation to innocent victims of violent crimes. Call the Attorney General's Office to determine if you are eligible at: 1-800-228-3368

Many survivors of domestic violence do not want to go to a shelter because they view them as dangerous, inhospitable environments. Remember, women's shelters are not homeless shelters. They provide referrals, counseling, and a structured environment where there are other women who understand their situation. In addition, after staying in an emergency shelter, many survivors become eligible to move into a transitional housing program. Transitional housing programs are intensive housing programs designed to address women's housing, educational, job training, financial, and counseling needs.



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401 East Irving Park Road  
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***630.736-3700 (non-emergency)  
630.837.9397 (fax)***

**[www.streamwood.org](http://www.streamwood.org)**

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## **Domestic Violence FACT SHEET**

Report #:

Date:

Officer: