

## WHAT IS A TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION?

A Temporary Order of Protection (TOP) is a court order signed by a judge. A TOP prohibits someone **who scares you** from coming to your house or work place and prohibits that person from having any direct or indirect contact with you.

Before the judge will sign a TOP you **must qualify** for the TOP and complete the paperwork.

### YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A TOP IF:

- You have a **partner or family relationship** with the offender and are a **victim of assault** whether it is reported or unreported.
- If you have no partner or family relationship with the offender, but are a **victim of sexual assault, incest, or stalking.**
- You must have a **physical address for the Respondent.** (The "Respondent" is the person who should obey the TOP; the "Petitioner" is the person requesting the TOP).

## WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

### Power & Control:

#### DOES YOUR PARTNER:

- Isolate you from family or friends?
- Degrade you or humiliate you?
- Intimidate you with looks or gestures?
- Act unreasonably jealous or possessive?
- Tell you that everything is your fault?
- Threaten to harm you or her/himself?
- Use your children to manipulate or harass you?

If your partner does some or all of these things, you may be the victim of domestic violence.

### Violence:

#### DOES YOUR PARTNER:

- Push or shove you?
- Slap, punch or kick you?
- Restrain you?
- Kick or punch walls or destroy property?
- Abuse pets?
- Sexually force or degrade you?
- Strangle or choke you?
- Deny or blame you for the abuse?

## WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is the act or crime of **willfully and repeatedly following or harassing** another person. Stalking occurs in circumstances that **seriously alarm, annoy, intimidate** or cause a reasonable person to **fear injury or death** because of express or implied threats.

## WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is conduct of a **sexual or indecent** nature toward another person accompanied by **actual or threatened** physical force that induces fear, shame, or mental suffering. Sexual assault is **sexual contact** that is **forced** upon a person **without consent** or that is inflicted upon a person who is **incapable of giving consent** (because of age or physical or mental incapacity.)

### Sexual Assault Can Include:

#### HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION:

- Jokes/Catcalls
- Obscene phone calls
- Stares/Leers

#### UNWANTED PHYSICAL TOUCH:

- Grabbing/Touching
- Brushing against body

#### UNWANTED SEXUAL TOUCH:

- Molestation
- Sexual Assault

#### RAPE:

- Oral, anal or vaginal penetration without consent

#### SEXUAL MUTILATION:

- Cutting
- Burning

## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

### For Survivors:

Domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are **not your fault!** You are not responsible for someone else's controlling behavior. You have choices to help heal yourself and **keep you and your family safe.** You can **call the Crime Victim Advocate office** at 258-4630 to talk about your options.

### For Family, Friends & Others:

Do your part to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. Explore and **honor the victims' choices,** whether you agree with them or not. Condemn abusive behavior, but **never condemn the victim.** Believe that offenders can change. **Listen.**

We All Can Do Something To End Interpersonal Violence.

### For Abusers & Offenders:

You are responsible for your abusive and violent behavior. **Only you can stop the abuse.** You can choose to help improve your life and keep others safe. Counseling is available. Call the MAN Program 549-3727.

Orders of Protection forms can be attained at the Crime Victim Advocate's Office at 301 W. Alder. Missoula. Advocates are available to assist you with the process.

Hours are from 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 Monday through Friday. Closed Wednesdays at 3:00. Call ahead to make an appointment and see if you qualify 258-4630 or drop by during our business hours.

## WHAT CAN CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES DO?

- Listen to you.
- Provide confidential services.
- Provide crisis counseling, emotional support and guidance.
- Inform you of your rights.
- Explain how the court process works.
- Find information for you about what is happening in your court case.
- Assist you with your application for an Order of Protection if you are a victim of partner/family assault, sexual assault, rape, incest or stalking.
- Tell you about Crime Victim Compensation and help you fill out the forms.
- Inform you of community services available to you.
- Help you recover your property or receive restitution to cover you.
- Help you inform your employer if you have to miss work during a trial.
- Provide a secure place to wait during court proceedings.

## MISSOULA CITY/COUNTY CVA PROGRAM MISSION

The program is committed to providing **free & confidential services** to survivors of violent crime, including information, opportunities, advocacy, and support, especially in the civil and criminal justice system processes.

We aspire to **empower & assist** survivors of crime in their recovery.

On behalf of victims, we **act as liaisons** between victims and a variety of justice system departments and personnel.

We **advocate for victims' needs & wishes** within the system and help victims determine which courses of action are best for them.

We recognize the impact crime has had on victims, and **support** the important role victims play in criminal justice processes.

We work to ensure victims are treated **fairly & respectfully** and provide services that lessen the impact of the crime and restore victims' losses.

We seek to **remove all potential barriers** (physical, psychological, cultural, etc.) to our services and the services of the criminal and civil justice systems.

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## RESOURCES

Office Emergency	911
YWCA Crisis Hotline	542-1944
City Attorney	258-4626
County Attorney	258-4737
St. Patrick Hospital	543-7271
First STEP rape crisis center	329-5776
Community Hospital	728-4100
Child Abuse Help Line	800-227-4645
Montana Legal Services	543-8343
Child & Family Services	523-4100
First Call For Help	549-5555
Crime Victim Compensation	800-498-6455

### Alcohol & Drug Services

Turning Point	532-9800
MLSLA Indian Center Hotline	721-2700
SSTEP Program	677-3177

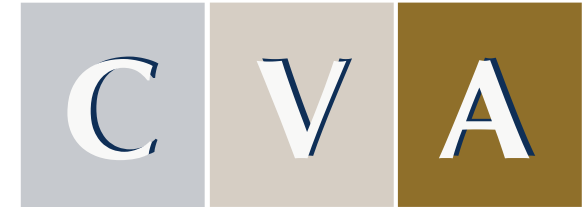
### Food/Clothes

Goodwill	549-6969
Missoula Food Bank	549-0543
Poverello Center	728-8526
Salvation Army	549-0710
Secret Seconds-YWCA	549-1610

### Shelter/Housing

YWCA Shelter	542-1944
Poverello Center	728-8526
Salvation Army	549-0710
Missoula Housing Authority	549-4113
Human Resource Council	728-3710

## MISSOULA CITY/COUNTY CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES



Assistance With Obtaining Temporary Orders of Protection  
Legal Advocacy • Restitution • Information & Referrals

### IN MISSOULA:

Orders of Protection	(406) 258-4630
Advocacy for Victims of Violent Crime	(406) 258-3674
Advocacy for Victims of Property Crime	(406) 258-3838
Fax	(406) 258-3810
Office	301 W. Alder
Mailing	200 W. Broadway Missoula, MT 59802

### IN SEELEY SWAN AREA:

SSTEP Seeley-Swan Talk, Education, Protection	
Message Phone	(406) 677-3177
To speak with an advocate	911