

NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD. Please tell the investigating officer:

- If you, your child or any other household resident has been injured or
- If you feel you are going to be in danger when the officer leaves or later.

You have the right to:

ASK the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence and **APPLY** to a court for an order to protect you (you should consult a legal aid office, a prosecuting attorney or a private attorney). If a family or household member assaults you and is arrested, you may request a magistrate's order for emergency protection be issued. Please inform the investigating officer if you want an order for emergency protection. You need not be present when the order is issued. You cannot be charged a fee by a court in connection with filing, serving or entering a Protective Order. For example, the court can enter an order that:

1. The abuser not commit further acts of violence,
2. The abuser not threaten, harass or contact you at home,
3. Directs the abuser to leave your household,
4. Establishes temporary custody of the children and directs the abuser not to interfere with the children or any property.

A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF COURT-ORDERED PROTECTION (such as (1) and (2) above) MAY BE A FELONY.

Call the **FAMILY ABUSE CENTER** if
you need protection:

Waco: 254-772-8999 or 1-800-283-8401

Is the one you love hurting you?

Have you been:

- Verbally, emotionally, sexually or physically hurt by someone you love?
- Isolated from friends and family?
- Frightened by your loved one's fits of rage?
- Feeling like you're "walking on eggshells"?

You may be a victim of stalking if you experience the following issues:

- Excessive & unwanted texting
- Tracking Devices
- Following
- Social Media

Consider your safety by creating a plan

- At Home: look into security systems, know where important documents are located, notify children's school, notify neighbors
- Your Job: inform your boss/coworkers, have an escape plan, be vigilant while driving/walking to vehicle.

Waco PD Family Violence Unit 254-750-8608

McLennan County District Attorney 254-757-5084

Waco PD Victim Services 254-750-7526

Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

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