



NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

*In accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure,
Article 5.04(c)*

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 peace officer: If you, your child, or any other household resident has been injured.

If you believe you will be in danger after the officer(s) leaves. You have a right to:

- Ask the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence.
- Apply to a court for an order to protect you. To do so, 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 that a Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection be issued. Please inform the investigating officer if you want an order of 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:

- Prohibits the abuser from committing further acts of violence;
- Prohibits the abuser from threatening, harassing, or contacting you at home;
- Directs the abuser to leave your household; and
- Establishes temporary custody of the children or directs the abuser not to interfere with the children or any property.

***A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
COURT-ORDERED PROTECTION MAY BE A
FELONY.***

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

To locate the nearest family violence program and shelter near you, call **1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224: CONFIDENTIAL 24/7**

For **legal assistance** contact your local county attorney, legal aid office or:

- Family Violence Legal Line 1-800-374-4673
- Texas Legal Services Center 1-888-343-4414

For other **victim assistance**, contact the closest Texas DPS-Victim Services Counselor:

Amarillo/Wichita Falls	806-468-1421
Austin	512-997-4126
Beaumont	409-924-5468
Bryan	979-776-3121
Corpus Christi	361-698-5531
Dallas	214-861-2485
El Paso	915-849-4064
Houston	281-517-1606
Laredo	956-728-2359
Lubbock/Abilene	806-740-8897
Midland	432-498-2168
Tyler	903-939-9134
San Antonio	210-531-4307
Waco	254-759-7225
Weslaco	956-565-7131

Safety Plan

- 1) Keep all of your personal documents and important items in a safe place; for both yourself and your children. Examples: birth certificates, driver's license, social security cards, bank account information, check books, extra house and car key, medical records, legal papers and changes of clothing.
- 2) Memorize important phone numbers and have a code word with your family/children. DO NOT rely on your cell phone as a source of information.
- 3) Create an emergency exit plan if you have to leave unexpectedly due to you or your children being in imminent danger.

Local shelter/referrals contact information:
