### What Do I Do If the Other Person Violates the Order of Protection?

Immediately seek safety and call 911. As further described in this pamphlet, local law enforcement officers, court personnel or the Court Advocate can assist you in taking the steps necessary to enforce the Order of Protection.

## Will an Order of Protection Always Keep Me Safe?

Not necessarily. Studies show that Orders of Protection lower but do not eliminate the risk of ongoing, future violence. Most abusers do obey the Order, but some do not. It may be appropriate that you consider moving to a domestic violence shelter or to a different location that is unknown to the other person. An Order of Protection can help protect you, but it is still just a piece of paper. Trust your instincts and do whatever is necessary to protect yourself.

#### Domestic Violence Assistance

Under Missouri law victims of abuse can seek assistance and protection. Abuse includes assault, battery, coercion, harassment, sexual assault and stalking. Protection Orders are available to protect victims of abuse and those receiving threats of abuse.

#### Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is much more common than we believe. The law establishes procedures to ensure that abusers comply with the terms of the Order of Protection. This pamphlet explains the process and also answers frequently asked questions.

## If Your Order Has Been Violated, You May Contact the Following:

Nodaway County Sheriff's Dept. 404 North Vine, Maryville (660) 582-7451

Maryville Public Safety Dept. 222 East Third Street, Maryville (660) 562-3209

Northwest Campus Safety Dept. Northwest Missouri State University (660) 562-1254

Children and Family Center Court Advocate, Patricia Jacobs (660) 562-2320

This pamphlet was prepared as a public service to assist victims of domestic violence. However, it is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of Missouri law. You are encouraged to contact an attorney regarding your specific situation.

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