

## FILING FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION

If you have experienced abuse and feel you need to seek an Order of Protection, come in person to the Adult Abuse Office, located on the Street Level within the St. Louis County Courthouse at 105 South Central Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105. The Adult Abuse Office is open Mondays through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Adult Abuse Office does not accept any filings for orders of protection after 4:00p.m. during the week.

Advocates from the County Order of Protection Assistance program are available Monday through Friday during regular office hours to meet with petitioners at the time of filing. If desired, petitioners can request that their advocate also attend their court hearing for continued support. Additionally, advocates will be on-call to assist petitioners with safety planning and other referrals at each of the weekly DV Court dockets.

In the event that you or someone you know needs to file an Order of Protection after business hours, please contact your local police department for appropriate guidance.

For more information on filing for an Order of Protection, call (314) 615-4725.