

A Temporary Protective Order (TPO) is a civil order issued by a Superior Court Judge for the protection of victims of Family Violence and/or Stalking. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 19-13-4, a Temporary Protective Order can:

- **Direct abuser to stop abusing, harassing, & intimidating victim and/or victim's minor children**
- **Stop abuser from having any direct or indirect contact with the victim and/or victim's minor children**
- **Forbid the abuser from approaching within 150 yards of victim and/or victim's minor children, home, work, or school**
- **Award temporary custody of minor children to the victim**
- **Remove abuser from the family residence**
- **Grant victim exclusive temporary use and possession of the family residence if desired or permission to remove personal property for victim and minor children**
- **Grant victim temporary use of automobile**
- **Remove weapons from the abuser**
- **Direct law enforcement to enforce the conditions of the TPO Order**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

Sheriff's Departments:

Walker Co. 706-638-1909
Dade Co. 706-657-4111
Catoosa Co. 706-935-2323
Chattooga Co. 706-857-3411

Magistrate Courts:

Walker Co. 706-638-1217
Dade Co. 706-657-4113
Catoosa Co. 706-935-3114
Chattooga Co. 706-857-0711

**FAMILY CRISIS
 CENTER HOTLINE
 706-375-7630
 (Collect Calls Accepted)**

**Family Crisis Center of Walker, Dade,
 Catoosa, & Chattooga Counties, Inc.
 P.O. Box 252
 LaFayette, GA 30728
 www.fccwdcc.org**

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING ARE CRIMES!

HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY....

Compliments of:

Family Crisis Center

Local Sheriff's Dept.

Local Police Dept.

EMERGENCY, CALL 911

CASE #: _____



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 Greater Chattanooga**

**CFC #
 49967**



FAMILY VIOLENCE MEANS:

Any offense of battery, simple battery, simple assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, criminal trespass between past or present spouses, mutual parents of a child, parent and child, persons who are or have lived together in an intimate relationship

DEFINITION OF STALKING:

A person commits the offense of stalking when he or she follows, places under surveillance or contacts another person at or about a place or places without the consent of the other person for the purpose of harassing and intimidating the other person. The term contact shall mean any communication including communication in person, by telephone, by mail, by email, by fax, by third party

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, CONTACT A FAMILY CRISIS CENTER ADVOCATE @:

**Catoosa/Dade County
706-866-1465**

**Walker/Chattooga County
706-638-0402**

Or 706-375-7630

FORMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY INCLUDE:

ACTUAL OR THREATENED PHYSICAL INJURY

HITTING, SLAPPING, PUSHING, STRANGLING

SEXUAL ASSAULT

PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

VERBAL INTIMIDATION

STALKING

THREATEN WITH OR USE OF WEAPON

THREATS OF HOMICIDE



WARNING SIGNS

ERRATIC PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR

INTENSE JEALOUSY

INSISTANCE ON ISOLATION

CONTROLLING BEHAVIOR

JEKYLL/HYDE PERSONALITY

HISTORY OF PAST BATTERING

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY, AN OFFICER WILL RESPOND AND PROVIDE YOU WITH:

ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING MEDICAL ATTENTION

ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO A SHELTER OR SAFE PLACE

EXECUTE WARRANTS TO PROSECUTE OFFENDER, OR DIRECT YOU TO MAGISTRATE COURT IF APPROPRIATE

ADVISE YOU OF YOUR OPTIONS

FURNISH INFORMATION ON LOCAL SHELTERS

ADVISE YOU ON PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

PLEASE REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ADVOCATES ARE THERE TO ASSIST YOU!!!