

INCIDENT #: _____

DATE: _____

AGENCY: _____

OFFICER: _____



OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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STATE'S ATTORNEY

How to Obtain an Order of Protection

- OPTION (1)** Contact the **Madison County State's Attorney's Office**. Our victim advocates can be reached by email at advocates@co.madison.il.us, or leave a message for them at (618) 692-6850 and an advocate will promptly contact you by phone to conduct a brief intake. The State's Attorney's Office may represent crime victims so long as:
- (A) there are, or will be criminal charges filed;
 - (B) the person seeking the Order of Protection doesn't have any pending criminal charges, or child support cases against them; and
 - (C) there is not a pending divorce or family case where the person seeking the Order of Protection is represented by an attorney (or, if they are, the attorney cannot be reached in time to obtain the Emergency Order in time)
- OPTION (2)** If the State's Attorney's Office is unable to assist, please contact **Land of Lincoln Legal Aid** at (618) 462-0029. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid will also conduct a brief intake screening to see if you qualify for free legal aid.
- OPTION (3)** If both the State's Attorney's Office, and Land of Lincoln Legal Aid are unable to represent you, please contact **Oasis Women's Center** at (618) 465-1978. While advocates at Oasis are unable to provide legal representation, they are very familiar with the Madison County Courthouse and may be able to assist you in filling out the necessary forms, guiding you through the filing process, and directing you to further assistance.
- OPTION (4)** If you would like to proceed without legal aid, or the assistance of an advocate, contact the **Madison County Legal Self-Help Center** at (618) 296-4900, or at lawlibrary@co.madison.il.us. The staff at the Self-Help Center can also guide people to forms, guide them through the filing process, or direct them to further assistance.
- OPTION (5)** If you are comfortable, or desire to proceed with filing for an order of protection on your own, please go to Madison County's website at www.co.madison.il.us. Once on the main webpage, select "Departments" on the top of the screen. You will be given a list of various departments within Madison County, and should then choose "Circuit Clerk" from the middle of the options list. Once on the Circuit Clerk's website, you will notice another list of legal topics on left hand side of the window. Scroll down until you see "Legal Self-Help Center." Drag your cursor over "Legal Self-Help Center" (DO NOT CLICK IT) and you will be given several other options to select from. From those options, select "Court Forms."

If this process has not worked for you this far, try typing in the following address:

https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/circuit_court/legal_self-help_center/court_forms.php

Once on the "Forms" page, underneath the heading "Family Division Forms" you will see "Emergency Order of Protection." Please read all instructions carefully, and follow the directions on the left side of the fillable PDF form. When finished, you may either e-file from home or turn in the forms in-person at the Circuit Clerk's Office (Rm 120). If you have questions about filing procedures, you may contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at 296-6200.

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157 North Main Street, Suite 402, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025 (618) 692-6280 www.madco-sa.org

Intimate Partner Violence Victim Resource Guide

Victim Services

*** Oasis Women's Center:**

1-618-465-1978
1-800-244-1978

*** Call for Help**

(Sexual Assault)
1-618-692-6280
1-800-642-5570

*** State's Attorney**

1-618-692-6850
Advocates@co.madison.il.us

Housing Assistance

*** Emergency Rental Assistance**

1-618-877-1184

*** Community Development**

1-618-296-4299

Veterans Assistance

*** Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid (IL-AFLAN)**

1-855-452-3256
<https://tinyurl.com/AFLAN>

*** Madison County Veterans Assistance**

1-618-296-4554
mcvac@co.madison.il.us

Resource Referral

*** Riverbend Family Ministries:**

131 E. Ferguson Av. Wood River
1-618-251-9790
- CSD (Rent, Utility and Employee Assistance);
- Pathways (Counseling);
- Refuge (Child Focused Counseling);
- Warm Neighbors Cool Friends (Utility Assistance)
- Group Interventions (Domestic Violence Counseling);
- Youth Development Program (Youth Counseling).
- Amare (Addiction); and
- CASA (Child Advocacy)

*** United Way**

Dial 211
1-800-427-4626
www.211Helps.org

*** E-Filing**

<https://illinois.tylerhost.net/ofswweb>

Madison County Court House

155 N. Main St. LL Rm 14
Edwardsville, IL 62025
1-618-692-6240

Legal Aid

*** Land of Lincoln**

(Representation)
1-618-462-0029
1-877-342-7891
1-800-642-5570

*** Catholic Charities**

(Representation)
1-800-745-5194

*** Legal Advice Clinic**

(Legal Advice)
1-618-296-4472

*** IL Legal Aid Online**

(Legal Resources)
www.illinoislegalaid.org

*** Illinois Lawyer Finder**

(Referral Assistance)
1-800-922-8757

*** Legal Self-Help Center**

Law Library
1-618-296-4472
155 N. Main St. LL Rm.24
Edwardsville, IL 62025

*** Legal Forms**

<https://tinyurl.com/MadisonForm>
<https://tinyurl.com/ILForms>

Victims of Crime in Madison County

The Madison County State's Attorney has a team of specially trained advocates who are able to assist crime victims in obtaining protective orders and in connecting them with a wide variety of resources within Madison County. Some of those community resources include free counseling programs, emergency shelters, children and family services, substance abuse treatment, mental health programs, and support groups. Our team of advocates are also able to assist crime victims with applying for restitution through the Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Program. If requested, advocates will keep you informed of court dates, help arrange transportation, and accompany victims to court for any associated court hearings or proceedings. They are here to help you.

If you would like assistance with services, or have any questions, please contact us at advocates@co.madison.il.us or call (618) 692-6850 and leave a message for an advocate to return your call.