

# SEEKING A PROTECTION ORDER?

The **YWCA ADVOCATES** will assist *intimate partners* in filling out the proper paperwork for orders of protection. They are available at the following place:

**YWCA -- 930 N. Monroe Spokane, WA (509) 477-3656**  
M-TH 8:30-5 & Fri 8:30-3pm (*closed from 12-1 pm for lunch*).

**LCS NORTHWEST ADVOCATES** will assist *all others* seeking protection orders: Please call **509-747-8224** to schedule an appointment (*no walk-ins!*). M-TH 8:00-5 & F 8:30-3.  
24/7 Crisis line: (509)624-7273.

**IF any one of the following is true you MUST file in Superior Court:**

You reside/live with Respondent (person you want an order against).

You have children together.

You are seeking protection on behalf of a minor.

You are a minor OR seeking an order against a minor.

You are married to the Respondent and filing a dissolution or have filed a dissolution.

You and Respondent have a pending case in Superior CT

You are seeking an order for a vulnerable adult.

If none of the above apply, file in **District Court**.

# WHAT TYPE OF ORDER SHOULD I GET?

*Types of Protection Orders (Quick Reference)*

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PACKET:

If you have a **relationship** with the person you are seeking an order against. (This includes: significant dating relationship, family, extended family or living with the other person) **AND** There are threats, violence (of any kind- includes –shoving, pushing, spitting on, or stopping you from moving about freely), stalking, or if you are in fear from this person.

## ANTI-HARASSMENT PACKET:

If you did not have a **relationship** with this person (Example: neighbors, co-workers or friends) or you have relationship that doesn't qualify for DV above **AND** the person is continuously harassing, annoying or is seriously alarming you.

## STALKING PACKET:

If you don't have a Domestic relationship **AND** the person repeatedly follows or harasses you **AND** you are in fear that the stalker might injure you. Cyber stalking is included in this statute. If you have a Domestic Relationship with the person then request a Domestic Violence Packet.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT PACKET:

If you don't have a Domestic Relationship and you are the victim of a nonconsensual sexual conduct. If you have a relationship request a Domestic Violence Packet.

## VULNERABLE ADULT PACKET:

Done by or on behalf of an adult who is 60 years old or older or found incapacitated by a court, or has a developmental disability, or is admitted to a facility, or receiving services at home. The person must have committed or threatened to commit an act of abandonment, sexual abuse, mental abuse, physical abuse, exploitation or financial exploitation to the vulnerable person.

*\*If in doubt, check with the ex-parte in Superior Court Courtroom 304 or with District Court.*