IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Batterer's Intervention:
Billings Human Services
(781) 762-0060
Common Purpose
(617) 522-6500
Emergency
(617) 547-9879

Mental Health/Alcohol/ Substance Abuse
Counseling:
South Shore
Mental Health
(617) 773-7023

Opiate Treatment
South Shore
Recovery Home
(617) 773-7023

Social Services
Interfaith Social Services
(617) 773-6203
SMOC Help Line
(800) 620-2347

It is important to read this brochure. It will help you understand your responsibilities.

WHO CAN DISMISS THE ORDER?

Only the Court that issued the order can change or dismiss it.

This means that if you and the plaintiff want to get back together, the plaintiff must go back to the Court to request that the Order be changed or dismissed. The decision, however; is the Judge's, not the plaintiff's.

You **cannot** move back to the plaintiff's home or contact the plaintiff **even if you are invited**. If you make any contact, you will be in violation of the Order

Cohasset Police Department

62 Elm Street
Cohasset, MA 02025

www.cohassetpolice.com

Domestic Violence

COHASSET POLICE

UNDERSTANDING THE 209A LAW

You have been served with a restraining order. If you violate the no contact, stay away, vacate or refrain from abuse part of the order, you will be arrested!

Do I have to go to court?
You have a right to appear at the hearing, with or without an attorney, to question the plantiff, and to present your side to the judge.

Whether you appear or not, the Judge may extend the Order!!

If ordered to compensate the plaintiff:

Part A of the Order explains exactly what you can and cannot do. **READ IT CAREFULLY.** You are required to obey **ALL** of the items that have been checked.

This means you must pay for any damage to any property caused by you.

Other orders:

Even if you are already at a place and the plaintiff comes in after you, you must leave or move further away.

If ordered not to abuse the plaintiff:

There may be additional orders written into the Order by the Court, which you are required to obey. **READ THEM CAREFULLY.**

This means:

If you own any FIREARMS, handguns, rifles, shotguns, etc.) you will be ordered to immediately surrender them to police, along with your firearms identification card/LTC.

If ordered immediately to leave:

You must not do anything that makes the plaintiff **afraid** that you might do physical harm.

WHAT YOU CANNOT DO

Part A of the Order explains exactly what you can and cannot do. **READ IT CAREFULLY.** You are required to obey ALL of the items that have been checked.

If ordered not to abuse the plantiff:

There may be additional orders written into the order by the court, which you are required to obey. **READ THEM CAREFULLY.**

This means:

- You must not do anything, which might physically **harm** the plantiff.
- You must not do anything that makes the plaintiff **afraid** that you might do physical harm.
- You must not use force or a threat of any kind to make the plantiff have **sex unwillingly.**

IF ORDERED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY:

- **Immediately** leave the house or the apartment whose address is listed on the Order, and **stay away from the address.** Give the plaintiff the keys to the house or apartment.
- You cannot damage any property inside the house or apartment.
- You cannot shut off any utilities, interrupt mail delivery, or interfere with their service in any way.

Q & A

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

How long does this Order last?

The Order you have been given tells you what day and time it was issued. It also tells you when it ends. The Order will end on that date at 4:00 p.m., unless extended by the Court.

Can the Order be extended?

a "hearing date" written on the lower part. The "hearing" is for the Judge to decide whether this order should be extended, modified, or dismissed.

- **No** talking to the plaintiff
- **No** telephoning the plaintiff at all
- **No** leaving messages on an answering machine
- **No** writing to the plaintiff
- **No** sending the plaintiff flowers, gifts, candy or faxes
- **No** sending messages to the plaintiff through friends, relatives, children or anyone else
- **No** electronic messages/contacts, emails, text messages, etc.