

**Massachusetts General Laws- Chapter 209 (a) s. 6**

**Abused Person – Notice of Rights**

You have the right to appear at the Superior, Probate and Family, District, or Boston Municipal Court, if you reside within the appropriate jurisdiction, and file a complaint requesting any of the following applicable orders:

- (a) An order restraining your attacker from abusing you;
- (b) An order directing your attacker to leave your household, building or workplace;
- (c) An order awarding you custody of a minor child;
- (d) An order directing your attacker to pay support for you or any minor child in your custody, if the attacker has a legal obligation of support;
- (e) An order directing your attacker to pay you for the losses suffered as a result of abuse, including medical and moving expenses, loss of earnings or support, costs for restoring utilities and replacing locks, reasonable attorney's fees and other out of pocket losses for injuries and property damage sustained.

For an emergency on weekends, holidays, or weeknights, the police will refer you to a Justice of the Superior, Probate and Family, District, or Boston Municipal Court Departments.

You have the right to go to the appropriate District Court or the Boston Municipal Court and seek a criminal complaint for threats, assault and battery, assault with a deadly weapon, assault with intent to kill or other related offenses. An officer will advise you of the options if you desire.

**Local District Court: Ayer District Court 25 East Main Street Ayer, MA. 01432 978-722-2100**

If you believe that police protection is needed for your physical safety, you have the right to request that the officer present remain at the scene until you and your children can leave or until your safety is otherwise assured. You may also request that the officer assist you in locating and/or taking you to a safe place, including both but not limited to, a designated meeting place for a shelter or family member's or friend's residence, or a similar place of safety.

- *You may request a copy of the police incident report at no cost from the police. (This form is provided to abused persons as well as interested persons who have not been abused, but need to understand their rights).*
- *I want to seek an Emergency Order at this time. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
I understand that I may change my mind and seek a 209A order at a later time.*

I, the undersigned, have received a copy of this Abused Person – Notice of Rights from the police officer listed below:

_____	/	/	_____	_____	_____
Acknowledgement Signature	Date	Time	Officer	Badge #	

**Referrals:**

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| <b>YWCA/Battered Women's Resources Main Office</b>      | <b>(978) 537-2306</b> |
| <b>YWCA/Battered Woman's Resources Hotline</b>          | <b>(978) 537-8601</b> |
| <b>209A Order Ayer District Court/SAFEPLAN Advocate</b> | <b>(978) 549-2429</b> |
| <b>Safe Link Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline</b>    | <b>(877)785-2020</b>  |
| <b>Ayer District Court/District Attorney's Office</b>   | <b>(781) 897-8750</b> |