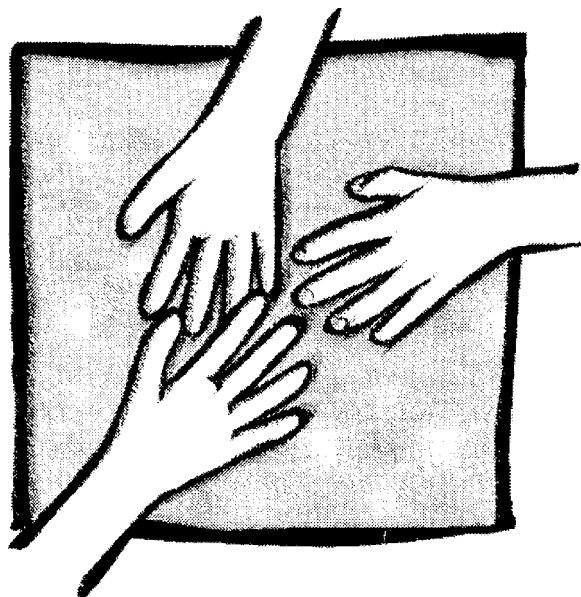


The New *Family Violence Prevention Act*



It Can Help You!

What is family violence?

Family violence is any action, or threat of action, that causes bodily harm or damage to property. It also includes sexual abuse, forced confinement and depriving a person of food, clothing, medical attention, shelter and other necessities of life.

What are the three protective court orders and how can I get one?

If you feel you are in danger or if you have been assaulted, someone who has been specifically designated will act on your behalf to apply for an Emergency Intervention Order.

An Emergency Intervention Order:

Immediate help



- is issued over the telephone by certain Justices of the Peace (JPs);
- can allow you and your children to stay in your own home, if it is safe to do so;
- can have the abusive person removed from your home by a police officer (designate); and
- will prevent the abusive person from contacting you, your family or any other persons listed in the court order.

In addition to the same type of conditions available in an Emergency Intervention Order, you can apply for a Victim's Assistance Order.

A Victim's Assistance Order:

Longer-term help



- can give you temporary possession of personal property;
- can prevent the abusive person from taking or damaging your property;
- can require the abusive person to pay you or your children for any loss of income, medical expenses, moving and legal expenses;
- can require the abusive person to agree to the conditions in the court order; and
- can only be issued by a Territorial Court Judge and you may have to attend court.

If a person has been denied access to you and fears that you may be in danger they can apply to the court for a Warrant of Entry.

A Warrant of Entry:

Help from others



- is issued by a JP or Territorial Court Judge; and
- can authorize a police officer to enter your residence, assist or remove you, and search the home for signs of violence to use as evidence.

What is the *Family Violence Prevention Act*?

The *Family Violence Prevention Act* is new legislation that focuses on the victim by offering three protective court orders that provide several ways in which victims can seek help.

What if the abusive person is not a member of my family?

The *Family Violence Prevention Act* is designed to address violent relationships between family members and intimate companions, whether you still live together or not.

Who are the designates that I can contact?

Designates are RCMP and Victim Services workers who can help you apply for an Emergency Intervention Order. To contact a designate in your community, please dial your local prefix followed by 8888. For example, if you live in Watson Lake, you will call 536-8888; in Teslin call 390-8888, and so on.

If you have any questions about the *Family Violence Prevention Act* and its orders, please call the Family Violence Prevention Unit at 667-8500 or toll-free at 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8500 (all calls are confidential).