

## What if the criminal orders of protection are violated?

- ◆ A violation of a criminal protective order and a standing criminal protective order is a Class D Felony, punishable by a \$5,000 dollar fine and up to 5 years in prison.
- ◆ **Beginning January 1, 2015**, the penalty will be increased to a class C felony for violation of the criminal protective order and the standing criminal protective order when the offender imposes restraint upon the person or liberty of the protected person; threatens, harasses, assaults, molests, sexually assaults or attacks the protected person.
- ◆ If you feel as if you are in immediate danger, always call the police at 911.



## Some helpful resources:

**Connecticut Coalition  
Against Domestic Violence**  
1-888-774-2900

**CT Law Help**  
Ctlawhelp.org

**CT Office of Victim Services**  
1-800-822-8428  
www.jud.ct.gov

**Statewide Legal Services**  
1-800-453-3320



**Office of the Victim Advocate**  
505 Hudson Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT, 06106  
860-550-6632  
Toll Free 1-888-771-3126  
Fax: 860-560-7065  
www.ct.gov/ova

## Criminal Orders of Protection



## What are the two types of criminal orders of protection?

- ◆ The **criminal protective order** is usually issued at arraignment.
- ◆ The **standing criminal protective order** is typically issued at sentencing.
- ◆ The standing criminal protective order is issued after the criminal court considers the history and nature of the defendant's criminal conduct.
- ◆ Both criminal orders of protection are issued by the criminal court to protect the victim from threats, harassment, or injury by the offender.

## Who is eligible to receive a criminal protective order?

### A criminal protective order can be issued in cases where:

- ◆ The defendant has been **arrested** for family violence, stalking, harassment, risk of injury, or sexual assault offenses.

## Who is eligible to receive a standing criminal protective order?

### A standing criminal protective order can be issued in cases where:

- ◆ The defendant has been convicted of stalking, harassment, risk of injury, sexual assault offenses, or any other crime that the court determines constitutes family violence.
- ◆ The court considers the history and nature of the defendant's criminal conduct to warrant a longer order.

**\* Effective January 1, 2015:** The victim no longer needs to be a member of the household or a family member of the defendant. Additionally, the court may, for good cause shown, issue a standing criminal protective order if the defendant is convicted of any crime.



## How long does a criminal protective order or a standing criminal protective order typically last?

- ◆ Criminal protective order: A criminal protective order usually only lasts as long as the case is pending in court. In limited circumstances, it is extended or vacated by the court.
- ◆ Standing criminal protective order: A standing criminal protective order is sometimes referred to as a "life order" because it is usually issued for a lengthy duration of time in severe cases.

