

# **WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PFA ORDER IS VIOLATED**

1. IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY PFA VIOLATION TO THE POLICE.
2. If the Police make an arrest, the Defendant will be taken by the police to a local District Judge Office or to the Municipal Court Building.
3. The Police Officer will complete the following paperwork:  
**“COMPLAINT FOR INDIRECT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT (ICC)”**
4. The Defendant will be taken before the District Judge and “arraigned”, or charged with violating your PFA Order.
5. The District Judge will schedule a “Contempt Hearing”. **PFA CONTEMPT HEARINGS ARE HEARD EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 A.M. IN FAMILY COURT.**
6. You should be notified (in-person, by mail, or by phone) of the Contempt Hearing date.

**NOTE:** If the Defendant is arrested and you are NOT immediately notified of a hearing date, you should call 350-4441 before Wednesday to confirm the hearing date.

## **WHAT TO DO IF THE POLICE DO NOT ARREST**

If the police do not make an arrest or file a Complaint for Indirect Criminal Contempt for the violation of your PFA Order, you may want to follow up with the police to request again that they take some action particularly if you are concerned for your safety. Whether you get assistance from the police or not, you can call one of Allegheny County's 4 domestic violence programs for immediate safety planning and a referral to one of their non-attorney legal advocates who can help you to pursue your legal options in the courts.

The 4 domestic violence programs have hotlines that answer 24 hours a day and 7 days a week:

**Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh** (City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County)  
412-687-8005 or toll-free 1-877-338-8255; website - [www.wcspittsburgh.org](http://www.wcspittsburgh.org)

**Crisis Center North** (Northern and Western Suburbs of Allegheny County)  
412-364-5556 or toll-free 1-866-782-0911; website - [www.crisiscenternorth.org](http://www.crisiscenternorth.org)

**Center for Victims** (Mon-Yough area and Allegheny County)  
412-678-4616 (DV Shelter Services) or toll free 1-866-644-2882; [www.centerforvictims.org](http://www.centerforvictims.org)

**Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center** (Alle-Kiski Valley and Northeastern Allegheny County)  
1-888-299-4673; website - [www.akhopecenter.org](http://www.akhopecenter.org)