

Please read this Notice when you are asking the court for an Order for Protection (OFP).

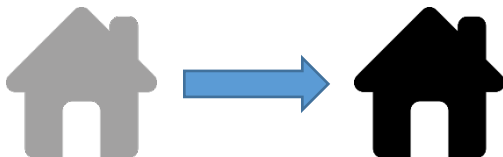
Notice to Petitioner about Your nformation

- **Whatever information you give to the court will become public information as soon as the court receives notice that the Respondent has been served with the OFP or Order for Hearing.**
 - You may, however, ask that your address and/or telephone number not be given to the Respondent and not made a part of the public file.
 - How? By filing *Confidential Address/Phone Request* form (OFP107), available online at <http://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=17&f=318>.
- The court administrator's office will deliver a copy of the *Petition*, any attachments, and the OFP or Order for Hearing to the sheriff, who will serve these documents on the Respondent.
- If your *Petition* has a claim of child abuse, the court may report it to the appropriate authority.

Should You Answer All of the Questions?

Every question on the *Petition* (OFP102) and in the Guide & File "Protective Orders" interview is important. The judicial officer uses your information to decide whether to issue an OFP.

If you choose not to provide all of the information, the judicial officer may not be able to grant your request and issue an OFP.



What if an Address Changes?

If there is an OFP in effect, you must let court administration and local law enforcement know where the new address is when the address changes RIGHT AWAY.

- If the new address is not confidential, you can use the *Notice of Change of Address* form (OFP801), available online at <http://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=17&f=329>.
- If the new address is confidential, please use the *Confidential Address/Phone Request* form (OFP107) instead (<http://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=17&f=318>).