

Safety During Court

- My court date is on _____ at _____am/pm
- I will be in courtroom _____
- I will be seen in front of Judge/Commissioner
- I will get to the court at a different time than I think my abuser will to avoid seeing them
 - I believe that my abuser will arrive __early/late/on time__ so I will arrive at _____am/pm.
 - $\circ~$ I will be mindful of courthouse lines and metal detectors.
- Once I get in the courthouse I will let the bailiff or courthouse security know your situation, and ask if there is someone that can walk you to your courtroom and wait with you.
- If I have a Temporary Restraining Order or an Injunction, I know that the order is still in effect while in the courthouse.
 - If my abuser violates the order while in the waiting room or in line at the courthouse entrance, I can report it to a court officer or call the police.
- I can ask these people to support me at the courthouse on the day of my court date:
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 - A FRIENDS, Inc. Advocate can also be a support!
- At the end of my hearing, I can ask the judge or the court officer/bailiff to hold my abuser until I can leave.
- I can ask a police officer or sheriff walk out of the courthouse with me and walk me to my car.