



16th Judicial Circuit, Jackson County, Missouri

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Name change and new downtown location for Adult Abuse Office
at the Jackson County Circuit Court

Two changes will take place with the Adult Abuse Office at the Jackson County Circuit Court as of Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

First, it will be renamed the Protection Order Unit. The name change acknowledges that not everyone who seeks an order of protection is an adult. In addition, some people have the mistaken impression that there must be physical violence in order to receive an order of protection. Requests for an order of protection may be made due to harassment, stalking or the fear of harm, not just physical abuse.

Second, the Protection Order Unit in the downtown courthouse will be temporarily relocated due to ongoing issues with the elevators. The office will move from the Civil Records Department at 415 E. 12th Street to the Albert Riederer Community Justice Complex at 1315 Locust, which is a half block away. The office will be temporarily located in the Criminal Records Department on the first floor of the Criminal Justice Building.

The office relocation is being done for several reasons including taking pressure off elevator usage by the public in the downtown courthouse which was damaged by flooding in February. There are presently only two public elevators available in the downtown courthouse, and when one is out of service, it can create a long wait for the public coming into the building.

The office in Independence at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse will remain at its present location.

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