



# Family Law

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YOUR EX DOES!

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Both you and your wife need help. This is not a healthy scenario for you or your wife, and it is up to you to take action so that it does not continue.

Talk to your personal physician, or a counsellor at the Mary McGill Centre next to Stephenson Memorial Hospital, or your minister. They will be able to recommend conflict counselling for you and your wife.

If this is unsuccessful consider sitting down with your wife and calmly advising her that the next time that she physically attacks you, you are going to call 911.

This is a serious step with long-term consequences and not to be taken lightly; however, violence tends to escalate and it would not be wise to continue to put yourself at risk. What is a fist today, could be a knife tomorrow.

The police will attend at your home and interview you and your wife and any other witnesses separately. They may press charges of assault against one or both of you; but I can assure you, the police have been trained to be gender-neutral in this regard and you need not be concerned that you will automatically be disbelieved because you are male.

Finally, if charges are placed one of you will have to leave the home, which generally is the person who has allegedly committed the assault. The terms of the Restraining Order are in force for a year and unless there is an exception by Court Order, do not permit contact between you and your wife.

Your friends at Shank Law.



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## Q

My wife beats me up when she is angry. I am too embarrassed to tell anyone. It is getting worse. She says the police will laugh at me if I call. What can I do?



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