It’s important to think about how to communicate with my lawyer safely.

1. Tell my lawyer if there are numbers or times when it’s not safe to call.

2. Ask my lawyer to contact me via cell phone or email, and to only speak with me.

3. Tell my lawyer if it isn’t safe to leave a voicemail.

4. Ask my lawyer to dial *67 before dialing my number.

5. With my lawyer, develop a system or a code word to signal that the abuser is present, so the call won’t make my abuser suspicious.

6. Talk to my lawyer about whether my address will appear in court documents, and whether it’s safe if they do.

7. Ask my lawyer to let me know when the abuser might be served with court papers - I may be at higher risk during these periods.

Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-SAFE (7233)

The Illinois Victims of Crime Portal is available 24 hours a day @ www.IllinoisLegalAid.org/VOC

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