

## **Limits of Social Worker Confidentiality**

### **Attorney's version:**

As a member of your defense team, the information that you share with the social worker is generally kept confidential between us and the rest of your defense team. However, when working with the social worker, it is important for you to understand that, although the attorney/client privilege generally means that what you tell the social worker cannot be shared with anyone not in our office, social workers are legally required to disclose certain information under some circumstances to persons outside our office.

If you tell the social worker something that leads the social worker to have concerns that a child has been, is being or will be abused or neglected by you or another person, the social worker must report this to keep the child safe. This does not include information pertaining to the allegations in your case that have previously been disclosed in a mandated report.

### **Social Worker's version:**

As a member of your defense team, the information that you share with me is generally kept confidential between us and the rest of your defense team. However, when working with me, it is important for you to understand that, although the attorney/client privilege generally means that what you tell me cannot be shared with anyone not in our office, I am legally required to disclose certain information under some circumstances to persons outside our office.

If you tell me something that leads me to have concerns that a child has been, is being or will be abused or neglected by you or another person, I must report this to keep the child safe. This does not include information pertaining to the allegations in your case that have previously been disclosed in a mandated report.