





# Advocacy Services Consent for Unencrypted Email/Text Communication

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**This form is about email and text communication with your advocate.**

Signing this form means you:

- **Understand** the **risks** of text/email.
- **Agree** to the **conditions (rules)**.

Email/Text	Videophone
<p><b>Not secure</b> way to communicate.</p> 	<p><b>Secure</b> way to communicate.</p> 

If you **email/text** it's possible for people you don't know to **read or steal** your **private information**. It is **better** to use a videophone. Why? They are secure.



## Risks of Email/Text

Using **email/text** for private information is **very risky**. Why? Other person could read your email/text, even if you don't know they read it and you didn't say "okay".

The other person could:

- **Change** your words
- **Send** the email/text to others
- **Show** the email/text to others
- **Save** the email/text
- **Print** the email/text

Other risks to consider:

- **Oops!** You could **send** the email/text to the **wrong person**
- **Your boss** can read the email/text, if you use boss' computer
- If you and your advocate delete the email/text, the **computer** still **saves it**
- Advocate will **save** email/text in your **chart**. If a **judge** asks for your chart, the judge can read your email/text and it can be used as **evidence in court**.



### Conditions for using Email/Text

- Need help now? Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (855) 812-1001 VP
- **Emergency?** Call **9-1-1**
- If you tell us you **will hurt yourself** or **will hurt someone else**, we will call the **police**.
- All emails/texts will be **saved** in your **chart**.
- Advocate will usually **reply** within **3 business days**. More than 3 business days? Please send a message again.

Please **choose** which are **okay**:

Text Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



### Client Acknowledgement and Agreement

- Yes, I read or Advocate explained
- Yes, I understand
- Yes, I agree
- Yes, I got answers to my questions
- Yes, I got a copy

Client name: \_\_\_\_\_

Client signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR ADVOCATE USE ONLY:

Advocate, by signing below, you acknowledged the following:

- The Consent for Unencrypted Email/Text Communication form was explained to the explained to the Client/Parent/Legal Guardian
- All questions presented in regards to this consent were answered
- A copy of the signed consent was provided to the Client/Parent/Legal Guardian

Advocate name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advocate signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_