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CLERK'S ALERT

Notice Regarding Protection Order Hearings in Ex Parte

Effective September 6, 2022, the King County Superior Court Ex Parte Department will resume in-person hearings on petitions for temporary protection orders. Customers can also appear for their temporary protection order hearing virtually.

Parties initiating a new temporary protection order or renewing an existing protection order should first visit the [Clerk's virtual or in-person protection order offices](#). After initiating your protection order case with the Clerk, you will be provided with the Ex Parte Department's assigned courtroom for those appearing in-person or Zoom contact information for those appearing virtually. Protection order petitions will be heard on judicial days between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Submissions received after 3:00 p.m. will be heard the next judicial day.

Parties should continue to review their temporary or other issued orders for information about how to appear for their return hearing. For information related to other Ex Parte department calendars, please visit the Ex Parte and Probate Department website. Counsel and parties seeking Ex Parte relief in other case types should continue to schedule hearings and submit documents to the court using the procedures detailed on the [website](#).

The Ex Parte Department web page can be found at:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/ex-parte-probate.aspx>.

The Clerk's Civil Protection Order web page can be found at:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/PO.aspx>