



## Domestic Violence Protection Order

Domestic Violence committed by a current or former intimate partner including dating relationship, or a family/household member. "Domestic Violence" includes:

- ✔ Threat, fear of, or actual physical harm
- ✔ Unlawful Harassment or Stalking
- ✔ Coercive Control

Relationship requirements:

- ✔ Restrained person and protected person are:
  - current or former intimate partners (including brief dating relationships),
  - or a family or household member.
- ✔ Qualifying petitioners include individuals who are:
  - Age 15 or older
  - Filing on behalf of a minor child, where you are the parent or legal guardian, or custodian.



## Sexual Assault Protection Order

Nonconsensual Sexual conduct and/or penetration committed against the petitioner by the restrained person.

- ✔ A single incident is sufficient to qualify.
- ✔ No relationship is required.
  - Age 15 or older on behalf of himself or herself.
  - A minor child, where the petitioner is the parent or legal guardian, or custodian.
  - A vulnerable adult where the petitioner demonstrates as an interested person in the adult's wellbeing and the adult cannot file the petition because of age, disability, health, or inaccessibility
- ✔ Not intended for petitioners who have current or former intimate partner relationships, dating relationships, or are family/household members, but petitioner can choose this type of order if desired, speak with an advocate to discuss options.



## Stalking Protection Order

Stalking committed against the petitioner by the restrained person, includes criminal acts in RCW 9A.46.110 or "cyber harassment" in 9A.90.120. Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear. "Stalking" includes:

- ✔ Repeated unwanted behaviors that cause fear.
- ✔ Acts serve no legitimate purpose.

Qualifying Relationship and Age requirements:

- ✔ No relationship is required
  - Age 15 or older on behalf of himself or herself
  - Age 15 or older on behalf of other family/household member who is a minor
  - A minor child, where the petitioner is the parent or legal guardian, or custodian.
- ✔ Not necessarily intended for petitioners who have current or former intimate partner relationships, dating relationships, or are family/household members, but petitioner can choose this type of order if desired, speak with an advocate to discuss options.



## Anti Harassment Order

Unlawful harassment committed against the petitioner by the respondent. "Unlawful Harassment" includes a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, harasses, and serves no legitimate purpose and would cause a reasonable person substantial distress.

- ✔ No relationship is required.
- ✔ Not necessarily intended for petitioners who have current or former intimate partner relationships, dating relationships, or are family/household members, but petitioner can choose this type of order if desired, speak with an advocate to discuss options.
- ✔ May include a single act violence or threat of violence as outlined in RCW 9A.36.080 or includes the presence of a firearm.



## Vulnerable Adult Protection Order

Petitioner or person on whose behalf order sought is a vulnerable adult and has been abandoned, abused, financially exploited, or neglected, or is threatened with abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect. "Vulnerable Adult" includes:

- ✔ Someone over 60 years old without functional, mental, or physical ability to care for themselves.
- ✔ Someone 18 years or older and is incapacitated has a developmental disability, is living in a licensed facility or at home care.
- ✔ No relationship is required.



## Extreme Risk Protection Order

Respondent poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to self or others by having in their custody or control, purchasing, possessing, accessing, receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive, a firearm.

- ✔ An intimate partner of the respondent, family or household member of the respondent,
- ✔ A law enforcement officer or agency can petition the court.

Removes the firearm and CPL and ability to purchase firearm from the respondent only. No additional protections.



## Family Law Restraining Order

A Restraining Order must be attached to a family law case. For example, a restraining order can be requested in an open dissolution or divorce case, a legal separation, or part of a parenting plan. For more information about filing a family law case, please visit the King County Family Law Facilitators office or visit [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)

If you do not have an open family law case, please refer to the above Civil Protection Orders to determine which order might best meet your needs.



## Criminal No Contact Orders

A Criminal No Contact Order may be requested in a criminal case by a prosecutor (attorney representing the city, county, or state) and ordered by a judge. Criminal No Contact Orders are possible in the following cases:

- ✔ Domestic Violence
- ✔ Sexual Assault
- ✔ Stalking
- ✔ Harassment
- ✔ Trafficking

For more information about criminal no contact orders, or information about how to motion to lift a criminal no contact order please contact the orders originating jurisdiction to request their procedures.

# Which Civil Protection Order is Right for me?

Do you meet the criteria for a Domestic Violence Protection Order?

To qualify does your situation include Domestic Violence committed by:

- ✔ Current or former Intimate Partner, including dating relationships
- ✔ Family or Household Member

And meet the definition of "Domestic Violence" including:

- ✔ Suffering physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault
- ✔ Threat or fear of physical harm
- ✔ Unlawful Harassment or Stalking
- ✔ Coercive Control

YES



Consider filing for a Domestic Violence Protection Order.

NO

Why do you need an order?

To prevent gun violence



Consider filing for an Extreme Risk Protection Order

To protect a Vulnerable Adult



Consider filing for a Vulnerable Adult Protection Order

I have been sexually assaulted



Consider filing for a Sexual Assault Order

I have been stalked



Consider filing for a Stalking Protection Order

I have been harassed



Consider filing for an Anti-Harassment Order