

Emergency Protective Orders

- The abuser must be in jail at the time of the request for protection.
- The victim, a police officer, a magistrate, or the District Attorney's Office can request an Emergency Protective Order.
- An Emergency Protective Order is Police enforceable immediately after the magistrate signs the order and gives the abuser a copy.
- It contains the same provisions as the Final Protective Order.
- An Emergency Protective Order can be in effect for up to 91 days.
- Ask your Advocate for assistance if your abuser is in jail when you come to our office.

Comprehensive Family Violence Resource List



214-653-3605 or 3528



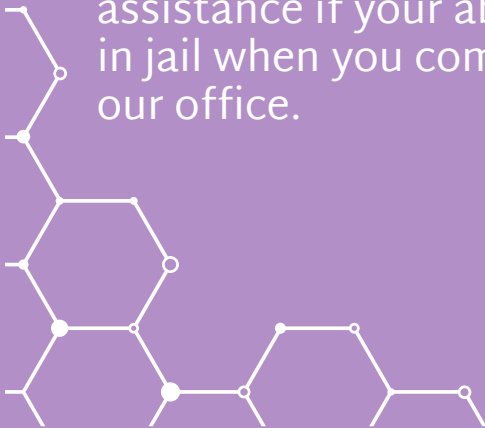
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Protective Orders & Family Violence Resources



WHO CAN APPLY?

If you have recently been the victim of:

- **physical abuse** (pushing, shoving, slapping, hitting, kicking, choking, or any act intended to physically harm another person) **OR**
- the **threat** of imminent danger

AND one of the following relationships applies to you and the person being abusive:

1. SPOUSE OR EX-SPOUSE (husband or wife)
2. RELATIVE (related by blood)
3. IN-LAW (related by marriage)
4. BIOLOGICAL PARENTS OF THE SAME CHILD
5. LIVE-IN BOY/GIRLFRIEND
6. EX-LIVE-IN BOY/GIRLFRIEND
7. MEMBERS OF THE SAME HOUSEHOLD
8. DATING RELATIONSHIP
9. THIRD PARTY DATING/MARRIAGE
10. STALKING
11. VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

AND you or the abusive person resides in Dallas County or the most recent incident occurred in Dallas County.

*If there is an **active Divorce or SAPCR pending in Dallas County**, the application for protective order will have to be filed in the Court where the Divorce is filed by the **attorney representing you in your Divorce case**. If you are representing yourself, our office may determine we can assist with filing an **Application for Protective Order in the family case**.*

If we are prosecuting you for a family violence offense or have prosecuted you for a family violence offense or other offenses in the past; or if you have pending cases in this office, we may not be able to represent you in your application for protection. It would be considered a conflict of interest.

HOW TO APPLY?

To request our assistance with applying for a protective order, call us at:
(214) 653-3605 or (214) 653-3528

OR VISIT ONE OF OUR SATELLITE OFFICES:



If approved, our office will provide free legal representation during the protective order hearing.

What the Protective Order Will Do!

- The protective order will tell the abuser to stay 500 feet from where you live or work.
- The abuser is instructed not to: commit family violence or abuse; threaten; threaten through someone else; harass; traffic; or stalk the person applying for protection.
- The protective order can order the abuser to go to specialized counseling for abusive behavior.
- The protective order is good for up to 2 years or more

What the Protective Order Will NOT Do!

- A protective order **will not** order the abuser to stay 500 feet from your body!
- A protective order is not a bullet-proof vest or a safety shield. You must remain careful and take precautions for your safety.
- A protective order **does not** interfere with court-ordered visitation or custody determined by another court.