

**A Protection from Abuse (P.F.A.) Order or
an Anti-Stalking (P.F.S.) Order
is an official court document that orders a person
to stop the abuse or harassment.
They are intended to protect victims from their abuser.**

How do I get a Protection From Abuse (P.F.A.) Order?

1. The paperwork is available at the Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center. They will assist you in filling out the papers and give you helpful hints. Their address is provided on the back of this brochure.
2. You must be a family member, have lived with the person or dating the person you want a P.F.A. order for.
3. The Judge will give you a temporary order and set a date for a hearing. The temporary order must be carried at all times.
4. You must go to the hearing and tell the Judge why you need the order.
5. The Judge will decide if a permanent P.F.A. is needed.
6. The P.F.A. order is good for twelve (12) months and can be extended for twelve (12) more.
7. You can only get two (2) P.F.A.s in a twelve month time period.

How do I get a Protection From Stalking (P.F.S.) Order?

1. Notify Law Enforcement of the harassment.
2. The paperwork is available at the Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center. They will assist you in filling out the papers and give you helpful hints. Their address is provided on the back of this brochure.
3. You will need to provide the name of the offending person and describe what they are doing.
4. The Judge may give you a temporary order. The temporary order must be carried at all times.
5. The Judge will set a hearing date within 20 days. You must go to the hearing.
6. At the hearing the Judge will decide if a P.F.S. is needed and sign a final order.
7. The P.F.S. order is good for twelve (12) months and can be extended twelve (12) more.
8. Your name and address will not be disclosed.

QUESTIONS

- Q: What does the Court consider to be abuse?
A: Abuse is bodily injury, threat of bodily injury, or sexual touching.
- Q: What does the Court consider to be stalking?
A: Stalking is intentional harassment that places a person in reasonable fear for their safety.
- Q: How much does a P.F.A./P.F.S. cost?
A: It is free to request one.
- Q: How old do you have to be to get a P.F.A./P.F.S.?
A: 18 years old. If under 18, a parent or adult living with the child can get one for the child.
- Q: Do I need a lawyer to get a P.F.A./P.F.S.?
A: It may be helpful to have a lawyer but you do not need one.
- Q: Does a P.F.A./P.F.S. have to last twelve months?
A: No, but you have to ask the Judge to change or drop the order.
- Q: What happens if the order is not followed?
A: If the other person does not follow the order contact the Police. **DO NOT TRY TO ENFORCE THE ORDER YOURSELF.**



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and
Domestic Violence Center**
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