

Restraining Orders & Emergency Protective Orders

Restraining Orders

Restraining orders are civil orders that prevent an individual from coming within a certain distance of a location. This order is not police enforceable. In order to file, you will need to contact a civil attorney. You can locate a civil attorney through the Dallas Bar Association Attorney Referral Hotline at (214) 220-7444.

Emergency Protective

Orders

Emergency Protective Orders are police enforceable orders that can be obtained ONLY when an offender is in jail on a domestic violence charge. The order may be requested by the victim, a police officer, or a magistrate. The order can last from 31 days to 91 days, depending on the offense. The order becomes effective immediately after the magistrate signs it and the defendant is provided a copy. An Emergency Protective Order has the same provisions as a Protective Order. You may contact Victim Services at (972) 721-3608 during regular business hours or the jail on evenings and weekends at (972) 721-2625 to request an Emergency Protective Order. You will receive a copy of the order by mail or you may pick it up in person at the Irving Family Advocacy Center.

Protective Orders

A protective order may be filed in Dallas County by an individual who has been assaulted or threatened in person within the last 90 days by someone they share an intimate relationship with, are related to, or are dating.

Protective Orders are police enforceable and last for 2 years. The order typically states that the abuser **CAN NOT**:

- ◆ Come within 500 feet of your home or work.
- ◆ Threaten, harass, assault, annoy, or stalk you.
- ◆ Have a third party threaten, harass, assault, annoy or stalk you.
- ◆ Possess a firearm

To apply for a protective order, go to the Frank Crowley Courthouse at 133 North Industrial Blvd between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm Monday through Friday. The Protective Order Unit is on the 10th floor. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Be prepared to spend 2 to 3 hours at the Protective Order Unit.

You will need to bring a current state picture I.D., an address where the abuser can be served, and your home and work address that you want to have protected.

For additional information call 214-653-3528.

