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Protective Orders

In Illinois, there are 4 types of protective orders:

- Order of Protection
- Civil No Contact Order
- Stalking No Contact Order
- Firearm Restraining Order

Domestic Violence Court for Chicago

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Orders of Protection

An Order of Protection is a court order signed by a judge that is designed to help protect you from harassment or abuse. It restricts someone who has abused a family/household member, spouse, or partner in a dating relationship.

Can I receive an Order of Protection after court hours?

Yes. Remote hearings are available Monday-Friday 9PM-3AM and Saturday & Sunday 1PM-6PM.

How much does the Order of Protection cost?

There are no fees for filing the Order.

Can a minor get an Order of Protection?

Yes, people under the age of 18 (and some people with disabilities) must an adult to ask for the Order on behalf of the petitioner.

Emergency Order of Protection

An emergency order of protection is a court order that takes effect as soon as a judge approves it in court. This order usually lasts 14-21 days until a plenary hearing can be scheduled. In criminal cases, an order can stay in effect throughout the duration of the proceedings.

Interim Order of Protection

A judge may grant you (the petitioner) an Interim Order of Protection after the respondent has been served but may not have been notified of the hearing date or if attempts have been made to serve the petition. This order may last up to 30 days.

Plenary Orders

A plenary order may be issued by a judge after the respondent has been notified with the information to appear for a court proceeding. The petitioner must be present for the order to be granted, regardless of participation from the respondent. This order can be in effect for up to 2 years, and if the respondent is in custody in jail or prison, the 2 year term can start upon their release.

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Civil No Contact Orders

A Civil No Contact Order can protect you and your family or household members from an abuser if you are the victim of non-consensual sexual conduct or non-consensual sexual penetration. You do not need to have a specific relationship with the abuser to get a civil no contact order.

Stalking No Contact Order

A Stalking No Contact Order by the court can order a stalker to stop following or monitoring you, threatening you, talking or writing to you, including electronic communication, interfering or damaging your property, or coming near you, your workplace, and/or your property. This can be requested by you as a victim, or on behalf of a child, or disabled or elderly adult who is the victim.

Firearms Restraining Order

A Firearms Restraining Order (FRO) is a court order that says a person cannot have a gun, ammunition, or gun parts because they pose a threat of injury to themselves or others under the FRO Act of Illinois. This "Red Flag Law" aims to prevent firearm injury due to persons experiencing a temporary crisis.

Workplace Protection Restraining Order

If you are an employer, you can get a Workplace Protection Restraining Order if your employee is:

- A victim of violence at work
- Is under threat of violence at work

In a Workplace Protection Restraining Order, the judge can order an abuser to:

- Not engage in any acts of violence, harassment, or stalking at the workplace
- Stay away from the workplace
- Pay for the damaged property as a result of the violence

If the abuser works at the workplace, the judge has to consider how serious the past violence was before ordering the abuser to stay away from the workplace, assuming the employer has not already fired a threatening employee. They also must consider whether an employee is still in danger of physical or emotional harm.

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