

Getting Started

Petition for Order of Protection

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to file for an *Order of Protection*. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *HOW TO ASK FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

If you want to speak with an advocate who may help you, call the Illinois Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline at 877-863-6338.

Names of forms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Petition for Order of Protection</i> • <i>Emergency Order of Protection</i> • <i>Order of Protection</i> • <i>Summons</i> • <i>Additional Incidents of Abuse</i> (if needed) • <i>Additional Case Information</i> (if needed) • <i>Confidential Name & Location of the School or Daycare</i> (if needed) • <i>Affidavit of Parenting Time Supervisor</i> (if needed)
Purpose of the forms:	To ask the court for an <i>Order of Protection</i> .
Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases where you have been abused by a family or household member, caregiver, current or ex-romantic partner, or current or ex-spouse, a person with whom you live or used to live, or someone who is the other parent of your child; OR • Cases where you are filing for any person who has been abused by a family or household member, but is unable to file on their own.
Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:	Cases where none of the above relationships exist.
Cost to file the forms:	None
Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of current and past abuse; • Names of other people to be protected; • Addresses and property you want protected; AND • Addresses where the alleged abuser (Respondent) can be found, if known.
Statutes covering the forms:	750 Illinois Compiled Statutes, section 60/101 through section 60/401 and 725 ILCS 5/112A
Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:	illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/Circuit.asp
For more information:	Read the <i>HOW TO ASK FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self-help center at: illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/getting-order-protection-domestic-violence or call the Illinois Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline at 877-863-6338.