

Guidelines for Obtaining a Temporary Protective Order

1. Determine which type of protective order you are seeking of the 2 types listed below.

Family Violence – You **MUST** have one of the following relationships with Respondent and an act of family violence, the threat of violence or a history of violence must be present:

- Present or past spouses (meaning you are or were married)
- Parents of the same child/ren
- Parent and child/ren
- Persons who used to live in the same household
- Persons currently living in the same household
- Foster parent and foster child
- Stepparent and stepchild

Stalking – for use when you do not have any of the above relationships and the Respondent has committed acts of stalking.

2. Fill out the petition and notify the Clerk of Court staff when you have completed the form. They will then notarize your Petition (which requires your I.D.).

3. Await further instructions. You will then either be brought to a courtroom to see a judge or you will be contacted by the Judges' office to set up a video or phone hearing.

4. If your Petition is granted, you will need to go back to the Clerk's office and wait outside until a stamped-filed copy of the order can be given to you. The Respondent will then be served and a second hearing will be set within 30 days.