

# Getting Started

## Petition for Order of Protection

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**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.

<b>Names of forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Petition for Order of Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Emergency Order of Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Order of Protection</i></li> <li>• <i>Summons</i></li> <li>• <i>Additional Incidents of Abuse</i> (if needed)</li> <li>• <i>Additional Case Information</i> (if needed)</li> <li>• <i>Confidential Name &amp; Location of the School or Daycare</i> (if needed)</li> <li>• <i>Affidavit of Parenting Time Supervisor</i> (if needed)</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose of the forms:</b>	To ask the court for an <i>Order of Protection</i> .
<b>Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:</b>	Cases where none of the above relationships exist.
<b>Cost to file the forms:</b>	None
<b>Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of current and past abuse;</li> <li>• Names of other people to be protected;</li> <li>• Addresses and property you want protected; AND</li> <li>• Addresses where the alleged abuser (Respondent) can be found, if known.</li> </ul>
<b>Statutes covering the forms:</b>	750 Illinois Compiled Statutes, section <a href="#">60/101 through section 60/401</a> and <a href="#">725 ILCS 5/112A</a>
<b>Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:</b>	<a href="http://illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/Circuit.asp">illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/Circuit.asp</a>
<b>For more information:</b>	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: <a href="http://illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/getting-order-protection-domestic-violence">illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/getting-order-protection-domestic-violence</a> or call the Illinois Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline at 877-863-6338.