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Interpersonal Protective Order: FAQ



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Stalking | Sexual Assault | Physical Abuse

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WHAT IS AN INTERPERSONAL PROTECTIVE ORDER (IPO)?

It is a court order signed by a judge, designed to prevent further acts of dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

WHO CAN FILE FOR AN IPO?

People who have been stalked, sexually assaulted, physically abused or have imminent fear of these acts occurring, including teens.

WHAT CAN AN IPO DO?

A judge can order the abuser to:

- **Have no contact** with you, your children, or others who need protection either in person, by phone, text, email, social media, or through friends or family
- **Stay away** from your home, school, workplace, or other places you may be.
- **Stop abusing or threatening** you
- **Change course schedule** at school

WHERE DO I GET A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Go to the Circuit Court Clerk's office in the county where you live or in the county where you fled to escape the abuse. After business hours, contact the local police or domestic violence program to find out what to do. Protective orders are available 24 hours per day, every day!

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