

What type of Protective Order do I need?

Are you seeking protection for yourself or your child?

Myself or Both

Only my child

Was the abuser someone you have/had a close relationship with or are they an acquaintance/stranger?

Close relationship

(e.g. family or household member, intimate partner)

Acquaintance

(e.g. neighbor or co-worker) / stranger

Would you consider the abuse you suffered to be primarily stalking?

(i.e. concerning verbal conduct, following, concerning actions that are not expressly physical)

No

(physical abuse, threats, sexual assault, etc.)

Yes

Domestic Violence Petition

- A petition for protection from abuse by family member(s) and/or intimate partner(s).
- Prohibits contact, further abuse.
- Violation of order by abuser carries criminal penalties.
- Carries protections for family and household members, and yourself.

Stalking Petition

- A petition for protection from concerning acts directed towards you by any person.
- Carries the same protections as a domestic violence final order of protection.
- Carries protections for family and household members, and yourself.

Jade's Law Petition

- A petition you file on behalf of a minor child seeking protection from abuse by a member of the family, but not the other parent.
- Should be filed when there is abuse to the child **but not** to parents.
- Carries protections for the child and any person who has custody of the child.