

What if the civil protection order is violated?

- ◆ The violation of a civil protection order is a Class D Felony, punishable by a \$5,000 dollar fine and up to 5 years in prison.
- ◆ If you feel as if you are in immediate danger, always call the police at 911.

Did You Know....

There is NO CHARGE to apply for a civil protection order!



Some helpful resources:

CT Law Help
Ctlawhelp.org

CT Office of Victim Services
1-800-822-8428
www.jud.ct.gov

Statewide Legal Services
1-800-453-3320

**Connecticut Sexual Assault
Crisis Services**
1-888-999-5545



Office of the Victim Advocate
505 Hudson Street, 5th Floor
Hartford, CT, 06106
860-550-6632
Toll Free 1-888-771-3126
Fax: 860-560-7065
www.ct.gov/ova

Civil Protection Order



What is the purpose of a civil protection order ?

- ◆ A civil protection order is issued by the civil court to protect an applicant who has been a victim of sexual abuse, sexual assault or stalking by the named respondent.



- ◆ The civil protection order was created specifically to protect applicants who are not members of the same household as, have not been in a dating relationship with, or is blood related to, the respondent.

Who can apply for a civil protection order?

- ◆ Any person who has been the alleged victim of sexual abuse, sexual assault, or stalking; the respondent in your case is not a family member or a household member; you have not been in a dating relationship; and there is not another order of protection arising from the same incident in place.

How long does a civil protection order typically last?

There are two types of orders:

- ◆ Ex parte order: These can be issued if the court finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an imminent danger exists to the applicant, and is a temporary order of protection imposed by the court without the presence of the respondent that lasts 14 days until a hearing.
- ◆ Civil Protection Order: This order can last for up to one year and is issued after having the hearing.
- ◆ If you need to make the order last longer, you can file a motion for extension with the court, which can be found in the clerk's office and must be filed 3 weeks before the original order expires.

How to obtain a civil protection order :

- ◆ Fill out the necessary forms by either going to the local courthouse or www.jud.ct.gov/webforms/ and DO NOT sign these forms until you are in front of a court clerk or notary public.
- ◆ File your completed forms at the Court Clerk's Office at the courthouse that serves the towns where you or the respondent live.
- ◆ Once you bring the completed forms to the courthouse, the clerk will give them to a judge who will decide whether or not to issue you a temporary ex parte order for 14 days.
- ◆ Even if the court does not grant you a temporary ex parte order, the court may schedule a full court hearing within 14 days. Once the judge has set a hearing date, you must arrange to serve the respondent with the court papers through the Marshal.
- ◆ The Marshal is required to serve the respondent the papers at least 5 days before the hearing. You must attend the hearing for the court to consider granting the civil protection order.