

Interjurisdictional Service in Washington DC A Resource from the Pandemic Rapid Response Team

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	Ex Parte Protective Order (Temporary/Emergency)	Final Protective Order
Statute	Code of the District of Columbia § 16-10	
Terminology	Temporary (ex parte) Protection Order	Civil Protection Order
Length of Order	Up to 14 days after filing the petition. Can be extended in 14 day increments, increments up to 28 days for good cause, or for longer time period with consent of both parties.	Up to 2 years.
Available Relief	<p>Order the abuser to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrain from committing or threatening to commit criminal offenses against the petitioner and other individuals specified in the order • Stay away from or have no contact with the petitioner and any other individuals or locations specified in the order • Participate in psychiatric or medical treatment or appropriate counseling programs¹ • Refrain from entering, or vacate, the dwelling that is marital property, jointly owned/leased/rented and occupied by both parties or by petitioner only or by petitioner and another person • Surrender or refrain from possessing firearms or ammunition • Stay away from pets • Refrain from possessing, controlling, harming, or threatening to harm or dispose of pets • Relinquish certain personal property <p>The court may also order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary custody/visitation rights • Pay costs/attorney fees • Temporary ownership of pets • Other relief 	

¹ Counseling is not typically ordered for Temporary Protection Orders.

Protected Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently or formerly married • Currently or formerly in a domestic partnership • Have child in common • Is, was, or is seeking to be in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship • Related by blood, adoption, legal custody, marriage, or domestic partnership • Child of intimate partner • Sharing residence within this past year and maintaining close relationship • Victims of sexual assault or human trafficking
Requirements for Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon court order or petitioner request, law enforcement will personally serve the order on the respondent. • The Court will enter the order into the District of Columbia protection order registry and law enforcement will escalate to the national database.
Registration Required for Enforcement	Not required.
Military Jurisdictions	<p>Military Bases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling • Naval Support Activity Washington • Pentagon - Air Force <p>Processes on Military Jurisdictions: Contact the individual military jurisdiction for service process details.</p>
Tribal Jurisdictions	<p>Federally Recognized Tribe: None</p> <p>State Recognized Tribes: None</p>
Other Information	None

Out of State Service Fees²:

None

For more information, please contact State Point of Contact Rita Blandino (rita.blandino@dcsc.gov).

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https://ncsc2.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQzzYCcGK38Q64C

² Courts should not charge a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault any costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of protection orders, whether issued by civil or criminal courts, including intra- and inter-jurisdictional orders. This no-cost provision also applies to any fees or costs associated with a criminal matter related to domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and sexual assault (42 U.S.C. § 3796 hh(c)(4)). Charging any of these costs will render a jurisdiction ineligible for certain VAWA funds.