



MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AFTER OBTAINING A CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDER



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When will I receive my copy of the protective order?

You shall receive your copy in approximately 10 days. If you do not receive it or have any questions, contact the agency/attorney who represented you in court.

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How can I use the protective order to protect myself?

You have the right to contact the police if any conditions of the protective order are violated. It can result in the Respondent being charged with a crime. You can make copies of the protective order for yourself, family members, neighbors, employer, schools, etc.

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Where is the protective order valid?

The protective order is valid anywhere in the United States. You are encouraged to carry a copy with you at all times.

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Can I move to an address not listed in the protective order?

Yes. Please contact the agency/attorney who represented you in protective order court. A change of address form needs to be completed. If your new address is confidential, let them know so that they can mark it as such.

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How can I renew the protective order?

You can renew the protective order if the Respondent violates it at least once while it was in effect. Contact a legal services provider approximately 6-8 weeks before your protective order expires to start the renewal process.

==== **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** ====

Name of your advocate/attorney: _____

Phone # _____

Email address: _____

In case of an emergency, please call 911

