

Protective Orders

Who is eligible for a Domestic/Family Violence TPO?

- The victim of domestic violence and the perpetrator must have a recognized relationship. That is, the victim and perpetrator must be married or formerly married, parents of the same child, parent and child, or currently or formerly living in the same household.
- The victim must have suffered an act of domestic violence as defined by law – these acts include any kind of sexual assault, physical violence, threats of violence, damage to property, stalking, or trespassing. It is not required that the act was reported to police or that the abuser was ever arrested.

To qualify for a **DOMESTIC/FAMILY VIOLENCE** relationship, you must meet one of the following:

Present or past spouses

Parents of the same child/ren

Parent and child

Persons who used to live in the same household

Persons currently living in the same household

Foster parent and foster child

Stepparent and stepchild

Who is eligible for a Stalking TPO?

Stalking orders have different requirements. The victim and perpetrator do not have to have a relationship – they may not even know one another very well. The victim must have experienced stalking – that is, been followed, placed under surveillance, or repeatedly contacted by one who does so for the purpose of harassing, intimidating, or causing fear in the victim.

Who is eligible for a Dating Violence TPO?

'Dating relationship' means a committed romantic relationship characterized by a level of intimacy that is not associated with mere friendship or between persons in an ordinary business, social, or educational context; provided, however, that such term shall not require sexual involvement.

'Dating violence' means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between persons through whom a current pregnancy has developed or persons currently, or within the last six months were, in a dating relationship:

(A) Any felony; or

(B) Commission of the offenses of simple battery, battery, simple assault, or stalking.

❖ If you qualify for one of the above Orders, you will need the Respondent's home address
You will also need a photo ID to have your Petition verification notarized.