

How Can I Obtain An Order of Protection?

Orders of Protection can be issued through Criminal, Family, and Supreme Courts. You may be able to access one or more of these courts, depending on your situation.

Criminal Court

You can request an Order of Protection from your local Criminal Court only if your partner is arrested or an arrest is imminent.

Supreme Court

You may request an Order of Protection from Supreme Court if there is an ongoing divorce, separation, or annulment proceeding involving you and your partner.
Contact your attorney for assistance.

Family Court

You can file a Family Offense petition if you are married, divorced, related by blood, have a child with, or are in an intimate relationship with the respondent.

Also, a family offense must have been committed within the last two weeks of the petition. A family offense is an act that constitutes: harassment, menacing, assault, aggravated harassment, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, attempted assault, stalking, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, forcible touching, sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, criminal mischief and strangulation.

