

## **Crisis Intervention Services**

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CIS provides 24 hour services to victims of physical and emotional abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking and incest.

Our services include:

- ☞ 24 Hour Crisis Line
- ☞ Emergency Safe House
- ☞ Family Violence Protection Order Assistance
- ☞ Support Groups for Victims of Abuse
- ☞ Emotional Support
- ☞ Prevention/Education Programs

Crisis Intervention Services is a non-profit organization designed to help people cope with the problems of rape, domestic violence, sexual harassment, incest and other violent crimes.

We believe all people have a right to a life free of physical violence, sexual assault, verbal/emotional abuse and restriction of personal liberty.

We believe that violence is a societal problem, a learned behavior, and with intervention, the cycle of violence can be broken.

We believe in the worth, dignity and uniqueness of the individual and we support these values through education, personal growth, self-reliance and self-determination.

It is inevitable that some defeat will enter even the most victorious life.  
The human spirit is never finished when it is defeated, it is finished when it surrenders.

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-- Ben Stein



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## **Family Violence Protection Orders**

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## What is a Family Violence Protection Order (FVPO)?

A FVPO is a granted court order for the protection of victims of domestic abuse. FVPO's are designed to prevent one party from abusing another.

## What is "domestic abuse"?

The legal definition of "domestic abuse" is physical abuse, threats of physical abuse or acts that unreasonably restrain the personal liberty of any household member by any other household member. Placing a household member in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm or causing a household member to engage involuntarily in sexual activity by force, threat of force or duress.

## Who can file for a FVPO?

Any person (who is sixteen years of age or older, or legally married) who fits the definition of household member.

"Household member" includes:

- Persons married to each other;
- Persons living with each other as if married;
- Persons formerly married to each other;
- Persons formerly living with each other as if married;
- Parents and their adult children;
- Other adults sharing common livings quarters;
- Persons who are the parents of a child but are not living with each other; and
- Persons who are in, or have been in, a dating relationship.

## How long does a Family Violence Protection Order last?

Most FVPO's are ordered for 90 days. However, these orders may be extended for an additional 90 days. To get an order extended you must file for an extension **BEFORE** your original order expires.

## Do I have to file for a divorce or separation to file for a FVPO?

No.

## Are there any filing fees or court costs associated with filing a Family Violence Protection Order?

No.

## Where can I receive assistance in filing for a Family Violence Protection Order?

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## What kind of information do I need to file for a FVPO?

- You will need information concerning the person the order is against (i.e. description of person, address or vehicle information/description).
- Approximate dates and places the abuse took place.
- You will need to specifically describe what happened during the current or prior acts of abuse.

## What provisions can I ask of the Court in a FVPO?

You can ask the Court to:

- ✓ Order that the perpetrator will not be allowed to physically abuse you, threaten to physically abuse you or do any act which unreasonable restrains your personal liberty, directly or indirectly.
- ✓ Order that the perpetrator stay away from you, from your place of residence, from your place of employment and stay away from any location where you may be.
- ✓ Give you possession of the residence and order the perpetrator to vacate the residence if they are still in possession of said residence.

or

- ✓ Order the perpetrator to provide you with suitable alternative housing.
- ✓ Grant you temporary legal custody of your children.
- ✓ Prohibit the perpetrator from abducting, removing or concealing the children from you.
- ✓ Order the perpetrator to pay you temporary child support.
- ✓ Decide whether or not the perpetrator should have visitation privileges with the children.
- ✓ Order the perpetrator to pay you temporary spousal support.
- ✓ Order the perpetrator to pay medical costs incurred by you as a result of the abuse inflicted by the perpetrator.
- ✓ Order the perpetrator not to transfer, conceal, encumber or otherwise dispose of your property accumulated while married or living together.

## What happens after I file for a FVPO?

Upon the filing of a Petition For Order Of Protection, the court shall:

1. Immediately grant an Ex Parte Temporary Order Of Protection **if it appears from the specific facts shown in the petition there exists a danger of further domestic abuse;**
2. Request the Ex Parte Temporary Order Of Protection be served upon the perpetrator immediately;
3. Hold a hearing within 72 hours after the granting of the Ex Parte Temporary Order Of Protection.

## What happens if the abuser violates the Order of Protection?

Any violation of an Order of Protection will give cause for an immediate arrest and may result in a criminal charge for violation of a protection order.