{%p if need\_safety\_info\_TF %}

# Stay safe

* Tell the police

**If you are in immediate danger, call 911.**

Tell your concerns to your local law enforcement.You can find your local police department non-emergency phone numbers on-line.

* State Trooper Locations and Phone Numbers
* Village Public Safety Officer Locations and Phone Numbers
* Find help near you

Find a Domestic Violence Program in Your Area to learn about what services they offer (counseling, financial assistance, housing and safe shelter, resources for children, and help with court).

* More resources
* Learn more about recognizing domestic violence from the The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence or Abuse Defined (National Domestic Violence Hotline).
* Create a Safety Plan using Safety Planning Tips (things you can do to keep yourself safe).
* Find more resources from the National Domestic Violence The National Domestic Violence Hotline or call 1-800-799-7233.

{%p endif %}

{%p if register\_foreign\_order\_TF %}

# Register a protective order from another state or tribal court

**How to Register:** Bring a certified copy of your order to the court to file it for free.Then it will be recognized as a valid order in Alaska and the police can enforce it.The court clerk will send a copy of the order to Alaska law enforcement who will enter it into their system. They will not give the other side a copy of the protective order or tell him or her that you have filed the order with the Alaska court.

**Find the Closest Alaska Courthouse to file your order.**

**Did you know:** A protective order from another state or tribal court is often called a “foreign order.”

* Get more information or help
* For help with the forms or understanding the process, contact the Family Law Self-Help Center:
* (907) 264-0851 or (866) 279-0851 on an Alaska-based phone outside of Anchorage, or
* Alaska Court System Family Law Self-Help Center
* Find a Domestic Violence Program in Your Area.
* See if You Qualify For A Free Lawyer Through Your Local Domestic Violence Program.
* See if You Qualify For A Free Lawyer Through Alaska Legal Services.

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{%p if protective\_order\_court['military'] %}

# Review resources for military dependents

* Military specific options

**Military Protective Orders**:The military can issue their own protective orders to protect victims of domestic violence, which are different than protective orders from state courts.A spouse, ex-spouse, or current or former boyfriend or girlfriend of an active duty service member can get a military protective order (MPO) to protect them from domestic violence. A victim, victim advocate, installation law enforcement agency, or FAP clinician can ask a commander to issue an MPO.

**Early Return of Dependents**: If you are a military dependent you may be eligible for what the military refers to as an "Early/Advance Return of Dependents." This is a military policy that allows dependents to return to their home of origin at the military's expense. This is available to military dependents **ONLY ONCE** and includes the shipment of household goods.

* Get more information or help
* Family Advocacy Program for Military Family Members (or listed in your installations phone book)
* Military OneSource: Resources for Military Members and Military Family Members Experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse
* Contact the Family Law Self-Help Center:
  + (907) 264-0851 or (866) 279-0851 on an Alaska-based phone outside of Anchorage, or
* Alaska Court System Family Law Self-Help Center
* Legal Information about Domestic Violence in the Military

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{%p if protective\_order\_court['tribal'] %}

# Review resources for tribal members

If you or the other person are tribal members, you may qualify for a protective order from the tribal court.To find out if your tribal court offers protective orders, contact your tribe.If your tribe does not offer tribal protective orders, you can ask the Alaska court for a protective order.

* Find local resources
* Find tribe contact information in the 2018 Alaska Tribal Court Directory*.*
* Find statewide and regional information on programs in the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's Regional Resource Guides.These guides provide statewide and regional information on programs for domestic violence, sexual violence and coercion, child abuse and neglect, and vulnerable adult/elder abuse.These guides are intended for people who have survived abuse, for those who have committed abuse, and for anyone interested in preventing abuse and promoting wellness.
* Find a list of Alaska's Tribal Health Care Organizations which operate Alaska’s tribal healthcare facilities.

{%p endif %}

{%p if ask\_for\_order\_added %}

if protective\_order\_information\_TF

# Ask for a domestic violence protective order for 1 person

Based on your answers, asking for a domestic violence protective order may be appropriate.

* Pick the length of time you want to ask for

A **short-term domestic violence protective order** lasts 20 days if the court grants it.The person asking for a protective order is called the "petitioner."The court only considers the petitioner's information when deciding whether to issue a short-term order.To protect the petitioner's safety, the court does not contact the other side when deciding whether to issue a short-term order.But if the court issues the order, law enforcement will give the other side a copy of the protective order and explain what it says.A short-term protective order is also called an ex parte protective order.

A **long-term domestic violence protective order** lasts 1 year if the court grants it.You can ask for a long-term protective order when you ask for a short-term protective order.Law enforcement will notify the other side that you asked for the long-term order and that there will be a court hearing in about 20 days.Both sides can testify at the hearing where the judge will decide whether to issue the long-term protective order.

Most people ask for **both** short-term and long-term protective orders. However, each situation is different, so think about what timeline makes the most sense for your situation.

Pick which one you want, or both, by checking boxes on the petition form you fill out asking for a protective order.

* Choose how you want to fill out the forms to ask the court for a domestic violence protective order

Fill out:

* Petition for Domestic Violence Protective Order(s) (one petitioner)
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

* Online Wizard to Request a Protective Order (domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault)
* Get help with the forms
* Read How to Get a Domestic Violence Protective Order.
* Contact the Family Law Self-Help Center:
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* Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif%}

{%p if protective\_order\_information\_more\_than\_1\_person\_TF %}

# Ask for a domestic violence protective order for more than 1 person

Based on your answers, asking for a domestic violence protective order may be appropriate.

* Pick the length of time you want to ask for

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* Choose how you want to fill out the forms to ask the court for a domestic violence protective order

Fill out:

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* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

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* Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif %}

{%p if ask\_for\_a\_stalking\_PO\_TF %}

# Ask for a stalking protective order

Based on your answers, asking for a stalking protective order may be appropriate.

* Pick the length of time you want to ask for

A **short-term sexual assault protective order** lasts 20 days if the court grants it.The person asking for a protective order is called the "petitioner."The court only considers the petitioner's information when deciding whether to issue a short-term order.To protect the petitioner's safety, the court does not contact the other side when deciding whether to issue a short-term order.But if the court issues the order, law enforcement will give the other side a copy of the protective order and explain what it says.A short-term protective order is also called an ex parte protective order.

A **long-term sexual assault protective order** lasts 1 year if the court grants it.You can ask for a long-term protective order when you ask for a short-term protective order.Law enforcement will notify the other side that you asked for the long-term order and that there will be a court hearing in about 20 days.Both sides can testify at the hearing where the judge will decide whether to issue the long-term protective order.

Most people ask for **both** short-term and long-term protective orders. However, each situation is different, so think about what timeline makes the most sense for your situation.

Pick which one you want, or both, by checking boxes on the petition form you fill out asking for a protective order.

* Choose how you want to fill out the forms to ask the court for a stalking protective order

Fill out (the same form is used for sexual assault and stalking protective orders so check the box for "stalking"):

* Petition for Stalking or Sexual Assault Protective Order
* Confidential Law Enforcement Information Worksheet
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

* Online Wizard to Request a Protective Order (domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault)
* Get help with the forms
* Read Instructions for Requesting a Protective Order Against Stalking or Sexual Assault*.*
* Find a Domestic Violence Program in Your Area.
* See if You Qualify For A Free Lawyer Through Your Local Domestic Violence Program.
* See if You Qualify For A Free Lawyer Through Alaska Legal Services.
* Make a copy of your petition for your own records
* File the original with your local court

Find the Closest Alaska Courthouse to file your petition.

* Learn more about the process

Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process. This booklet focuses on domestic violence protective orders but the information will be helpful. The main difference is that you will need to tell the court about the other side's stalking behavior.

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{%p if ask\_for\_a\_so\_po\_TF %}

# Ask for a sexual assault protective order

Based on your answers, asking for a sexual assault protective order may be appropriate.

* Pick the length of time you want to ask for

A **short-term sexual assault protective order** lasts 20 days if the court grants it.The person asking for a protective order is called the "petitioner."The court only considers the petitioner's information when deciding whether to issue a short-term order.To protect the petitioner's safety, the court does not contact the other side when deciding whether to issue a short-term order.But if the court issues the order, law enforcement will give the other side a copy of the protective order and explain what it says.A short-term protective order is also called an ex parte protective order.

A **long-term sexual assault protective order** lasts 1 year if the court grants it.You can ask for a long-term protective order when you ask for a short-term protective order.Law enforcement will notify the other side that you asked for the long-term order and that there will be a court hearing in about 20 days.Both sides can testify at the hearing where the judge will decide whether to issue the long-term protective order.

Most people ask for **both** short-term and long-term protective orders. However, each situation is different, so think about what timeline makes the most sense for your situation.

Pick which one you want, or both, by checking boxes on the petition form you fill out asking for a protective order.

* Choose how you want to fill out the forms to ask the court for a sexual assault protective order

Fill out (the same form is used for sexual assault and stalking protective orders so check the box for "sexual assault"):

* Petition for Stalking or Sexual Assault Protective Order
* Confidential Law Enforcement Information Worksheet
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

* Online Wizard to Request a Protective Order (domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault)
* Get help with the forms
* Read Instructions for Requesting a Protective Order Against Stalking or Sexual Assault.
* Find a Domestic Violence Program in Your Area.
* See if You Qualify For A Free Lawyer Through Your Local Domestic Violence Program.
* See if You Qualify For A Free Lawyer Through Alaska Legal Services.
* Make a copy of your petition for your own records
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* Learn more about the process

Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.This booklet focuses on domestic violence protective orders but the information will be helpful.The main difference is that you will need to tell the court about the other side's sexual assault behavior.

{%p endif %}

{%p if child\_with\_other\_side\_Info\_TF %}

# Think about parenting issues

If you have any children with the other party in a domestic violence protective order case, the judge may make a parenting schedule as part of the protective order.

* Think about a schedule before your protective order hearing
* Read: Frequently Asked Questions About Visitation When There is DV [PDF]| Frequently Asked Questions About Visitation When There is DV [Word]
* Fill out a worksheet to organize what you want to ask the judge for in court: Visitation Plan and Child Support Worksheet [PDF] | Visitation Plan and Child Support Worksheet [Word]
* Start a divorce or custody case if you want a permanent parenting plan (also called a "custody order")

If the judge includes a parenting schedule in the protective order, it only lasts as long as the protective order, which is up to 1 year. To avoid a time without a parenting plan, you can ask the court for a separate parenting plan by filing a case in court. Which forms you use depend on whether you are married to the other parent.

* If you are married to the other parent, you can ask the court for a custody order through a divorce or dissolution case. Get information about starting a case by answering more questions. If you want to save this Action Plan, be sure to download, save, or print it. You can then return to the Guided Assistant page and use the Guided Assistant search box to find "Starting a Case to End Your Marriage."
* If you are not married to the other parent, you can ask the court for a custody order through a custody case. Get information about starting a custody case by answering more questions. If you want to save this Action Plan, be sure to download, save, or print it. You can then return to the Guided Assistant page and use the Guided Assistant search box to find "Starting a Custody Case."

{%p endif %}

{%p if safety\_info\_when\_dont\_qualify\_TF %}

# Review options for when you may not qualify for a protective order

* Stay safe

Based on your answers, you may not qualify for a protective order. To figure out a plan to keep yourself safe, review *Stay Safe* above.

* Ask for a protective order

If something changes, there is a new incident, or you decide to ask the court now for a protective order, use the Guided Assistant again or follow these steps:

* Pick which type of protective order is appropriate

A domestic violence protective order may be an option if someone who is a relative, roommate, or intimate partner committed domestic violence against you.

A stalking protective order may be an option if you were repeatedly contacted without consent by someone who is not a relative, roommate, or intimate partner in a way that caused you fear of physical injury or death to self or a family member.

A sexual assault protective order may be an option if someone who is not a relative, roommate, or intimate partner had sexual contact with you without your consent.

* Pick the length of time you want to ask for

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* Pick the right forms to ask the court for a protective order

Select the forms for the type of protective order you want.

### Domestic Violence Protective Orders for 1 Person

Fill out:

* Petition for Domestic Violence Protective Order(s) (one petitioner)
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

* Online Wizard to Request a Protective Order (domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault)

### Domestic Violence Protective Orders for More Than 1 Person

Fill out:

* Petition for Domestic Violence Protective Order(s) (multiple petitioners)
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (Multiple Petitioners)

### Stalking or Sexual Assault Protective Orders

Fill out (the same form is used for sexual assault and stalking protective orders so check the box for your situation):

* Petition for Stalking or Sexual Assault Protective Order
* Confidential Law Enforcement Information Worksheet
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

* Online Wizard to Request a Protective Order (domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault)
* Get help with the forms
* Read instructions for the type of order you are requesting:
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* Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

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{%p if prepare\_for\_long\_term\_hearing\_TF%}

# Prepare for your long-term protective order hearing

* Read

Prepare for your long-term hearing by reading How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process, which focuses on domestic violence protective orders. If you are asking for a long-term stalking or sexual assault protective order, the information will be helpful. The main difference is that you will need to tell the court about the other side's stalking or sexual assault behavior.

* Get more information or help
* See if You Qualify for A Free Lawyer Through Your Local Domestic Violence Program.
* See if You Qualify for A Free Lawyer Through Alaska Legal Services.

{%p endif %}

{%p if other\_side\_violated\_order\_TF %}

# Review options for when the protective order is violated

* Call the police: if you are in immediate danger, call 911.

It is a misdemeanor crime to violate most parts of a protective order. You can call the police to report the crime. Common examples of criminal violations:

* committing or threatening to commit domestic violence;
* contacting the victim;
* entering or following the victim's home or vehicle.
* Tell the court**:** you can tell the court about the violation and ask for more restrictions by filing a request to modify the protective order.

### Pick the right form

* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Modify a Protective Order (one petitioner)*.*
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Modify a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).

### Fill out the form

* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check boxes telling the court you are the petitioner & whether you want to change (modify) a short-term or long-term protective order.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.

### File the form

* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the respondent so you do not need to serve the respondent yourself.

### Follow the Protective Order

* You must follow the protective order until the court signs an order changing it.
* The court may or may not hold a hearing.
* If the court signs a new order, you will get a copy.
* If the court does not change the protective order, you must follow it until it expires, even if you and the other side both want to change it.
* Get more information

Read more about violations and enforcement in How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif %}

{%p if end\_protective\_order\_TF%}

# Ask to end a protective order

* Pick the right form
* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Dissolve a Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Dissolve a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).
* Fill out the form
* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check boxes telling the court you are the petitioner & whether you want to end (dissolve) a short-term or long-term protective order.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.
* File the form
* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the respondent so you do not need to serve the respondent yourself.
* Follow the protective order
* You must follow the protective order until the court signs an order ending it.
* The court may or may not hold a hearing.
* If the court signs a new order, you will get a copy.
* If the court does not end the protective order, you must follow it until it expires, even if you and the other side both want to end it.
* Get more information

Read about ending a protective order in How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif %}

{%p if change\_protective\_order\_TF %}

# Ask to change a protective order

* Pick the right form
* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Modify a Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Modify a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).
* Fill out the form
* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check boxes telling the court you are the petitioner & whether you want to change (modify) a short-term or long-term protective order.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.
* File the form
* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the respondent so you do not need to serve the respondent yourself.
* Follow the protective order
* You must follow the protective order until the court signs an order changing it.
* The court may or may not hold a hearing.
* If the court signs a new order, you will get a copy.
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* Get more information

Read about changing a protective order in How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

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{%p if respond\_PO\_change\_end\_TF %}

# Respond to a request to modify or dissolve the protective order

* Pick the right form
* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Response to Request to Modify, Extend, or Dissolve a Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Response to Request to Modify, Extend, or Dissolve a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).
* Fill out the form
* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the request.
* Check boxes telling the court:
  + you are the petitioner,
  + whether you are responding to a request to modify, extend, or dissolve the protective order, and
  + whether you agree with or oppose the request.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.
* File the form
* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
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* Get more information

Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif %}

{%p if extend\_after\_60\_days\_TF %}

# Review options if your protective order expired more than 60 days ago

* Stay safe

If your protective order expired more than 60 days ago, it cannot be extended. If you want to ask for a new protective order, follow the steps below. If there hasn't been a new domestic violence incident, the court may not give you another protective order. To figure out a plan to stay safe, review the section of your Action Plan called *Stay Safe* above*.*

* Ask for a new protective order

If you decide to ask the court for a new protective order, use the Guided Assistant again or follow the steps below.

* Pick which type of protective order is appropriate

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* Pick the length of time you want to ask for

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Pick which one you want, or both, by checking boxes on the petition form you fill out asking for a protective order.

* Pick the right forms to ask the court for a protective order

Select the forms for the type of protective order you want.

### Domestic Violence Protective Orders for 1 person

Fill out:

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* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

Or answer questions on-line and print the results using:

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### Domestic Violence Protective Orders for More Than 1 person

Fill out:

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* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (Multiple Petitioners)

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* Petition for Stalking or Sexual Assault Protective Order
* Confidential Law Enforcement Information Worksheet
* Request for Service of Protective Order Documents and Peace Officer's Return of Service (One Petitioner)

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  + Ilakutellriit wallu nelgutkellriit, callualriit wallu inglukutellriit tangvarkaq (Domestic Violence Protective Orders Video - Yup'ik)
* Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process*.*

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{%p if extend\_less\_than\_10\_days\_TF %}

# Ask to extend your protective order that expires in less than 10 days

* The process
* The law allows a person to extend a protective order for up to 1 year if the court finds an extension is necessary to protect the person from:
  + domestic violence if the original protective order was for domestic violence,
  + sexual assault if your original protective order was for sexual assault, or
  + stalking if your original protective order was for stalking.
* You can file a request for an extension 30 days before the protective order expires until 60 days after it expired.
* The court will set a hearing at least 10 days after the request to hear both side's arguments.
* Stay safe

Because your protective order expires in less than 10 days, the hearing will be after it expires.To figure out a plan to stay safe, review the section of your Action Plan called *Stay Safe* above*.*

* Timing

File your request as soon as possible to reduce the amount of time you do not have a protective order.

* Fill out and file request to extend a protective order

### Pick the right form

* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Extend Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Extend Protective Order (multiple petitioners).

### Fill out the form

* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check the box telling the court you are the petitioner.
* Write in the date the judge signed the protective order you want to extend.
* Explain why extending the protective order is necessary to keep you safe.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.

### File the form

* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the respondent so you do not need to serve the respondent yourself.
* Get more information

Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif %}

{%p if extend\_more\_than\_10\_days\_TF %}

# Ask to extend your protective order that expires more than 10 days from now

* The process
* The law allows a person to extend a protective order for up to 1 year if the court finds an extension is necessary to protect the person from:
  + domestic violence if the original protective order was for domestic violence,
  + sexual assault if your original protective order was for sexual assault, or
  + stalking if your original protective order was for stalking.
* You can file a request for an extension 30 days before the protective order expires until 60 days after it expired.
* The court will set a hearing at least 10 days after the request to hear both side's arguments.
* Timing

File your request 30 days before your protective order expires, or as soon after as possible.

Filing early gives the court more time to have the hearing before your protective order expires.

* Fill out and file request to extend a protective order

### Pick the right form

If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Extend Protective Order (one petitioner).

If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Extend Protective Order (multiple petitioners).

### Fill out the form

* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check the box telling the court you are the petitioner.
* Write in the date the judge signed the protective order you want to extend.
* Explain why extending the protective order is necessary to keep you safe.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.

### File the form

* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the respondent so you do not need to serve the respondent yourself.
* Stay safe

If your protective order expires before your hearing, make a plan to stay safe. Review the section of your Action Plan called *Stay Safe* above*.*

* Get more information

Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

{%p endif %}

{%p if extend\_60\_day\_window\_TF%}

# Ask to extend a protective order that expired less than 60 days ago

* The process

The law allows a person to extend a protective order for up to 1 year if the court finds an extension is necessary to protect the person from:

* domestic violence if the original protective order was for domestic violence,
* sexual assault if your original protective order was for sexual assault, or
* stalking if your original protective order was for stalking.

You can file a request for an extension 30 days before the protective order expires until 60 days after it expired.

The court will set a hearing at least 10 days after the request to hear both side's arguments.

* Stay safe

Because your protective order expired, make a plan to stay safe. Review the section of your Action Plan called *Stay Safe* above*.*

* Timing

You only have 60 days after your protective order expires to file your request, so do it as soon as possible and before 60 days have passed.

* Fill out and file request to extend a protective order

### Pick the right form

* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Extend Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Response to Request to Modify, Extend, or Dissolve a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).

### Fill out the form

* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check the box telling the court you are the petitioner.
* Write in the date the judge signed the protective order you want to extend.
* Explain why extending the protective order is necessary to keep you safe.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.

### File the form

* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the respondent so you do not need to serve the respondent yourself.
* Get more information

Read How to Represent Yourself in Alaska's Domestic Violence Protective Order Process.

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{%p if divorce\_info\_TF %}

# Start a case to end your marriage

You can ask the court to end your marriage through a divorce or dissolution case.If you have children with your spouse, the divorce case will include a parenting plan and a child support order. Get information about starting a case by answering more questions. If you want to save this Action Plan, be sure to download, save, or print it. You can then return to the Guided Assistant page and use the Guided Assistant search box to find "Starting a Case to End Your Marriage."

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{%p if custody\_case\_information\_TF %}

# Start a case for a parenting plan (also known as a "custody order")

If you are not married to the other parent, you can ask the court for parenting plan, custody, and child support orders through a custody case. Get information about starting a custody case by answering more questions. If you want to save this Action Plan, be sure to download, save, or print it. You can then return to the Guided Assistant page and use the Guided Assistant search box to find "Starting a Custody Case."

{%p endif %}

{%p if have\_protective\_order\_prepare\_for\_long\_hearing\_TF %}

# Prepare for your long-term protective order hearing

* Read

Prepare for your long-term hearing by reading What to Do if Someone Files a Protective Order Against You.

* Get more information or help

Learn about Services for People Who Commit Domestic Violence.

* Follow all court orders

One incident can result in several different court cases and more than one order not to contact the other person.

If the police arrested you, you may have a criminal case. This is separate from the protective order case.

If you violate the protective order, the police may arrest you. This would be a new criminal case separate from any other criminal case or the protective order case.

Each case might have different restrictions on what you can or cannot do. You must follow all of them or risk getting arrested for a new crime of violating one of the orders.

If the protective order is dismissed, that does not end the other cases. You must still follow all orders in the other cases.

Be sure you understand what each order requires so you do not violate any of them.

{%p endif %}

{%p if change\_po\_against\_me\_TF %}

# Ask to change a protective order against you

* Pick the right form
* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Modify a Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Modify a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).
* Fill out the form
* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check boxes telling the court you are the respondent & whether you want to change (modify) a short-term or long-term protective order.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.
* File the form
* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the petitioner so you do not need to serve the petitioner yourself.
* Follow the protective order

You must follow the protective order until the court signs an order changing it or you risk getting arrested.

* The court may or may not hold a hearing.
* If the court signs a new order, you will get a copy.
* If there is a separate criminal case against you that prohibits you from contacting the other person, do not contact that person or you risk getting arrested.
* If the court does not change the protective order, you must follow it until it expires, even if you and the other side both want to change it.
* Get more information or help
* Read about changing a protective order in What to Do if Someone Files a Protective Order Against You.
* Learn about Services for People Who Commit Domestic Violence.

{%p endif %}

{%p if change\_po\_against\_me\_TF %}

# Ask to end a protective order against you

* Pick the right form
* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Dissolve a Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Request to Dissolve a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).
* Fill out the form
* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the protective order.
* Check boxes telling the court you are the respondent & whether you want to end (dissolve) a short-term or long-term protective order.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.
* File the form
* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the petitioner so you do not need to serve the petitioner yourself.
* Follow the protective order

You must follow the protective order until the court signs an order ending it or you risk getting arrested.

* The court may or may not hold a hearing.
* If the court signs a new order, you will get a copy.
* If there is a separate criminal case against you that prohibits you from contacting the other person, do not contact that person or you risk getting arrested.
* If the court does not end the protective order, you must follow it until it expires, even if you and the other side both want to end it.
* Get more information or help
* Read about ending a protective order in What to Do if Someone Files a Protective Order Against You.
* Learn about Services for People Who Commit Domestic Violence.

{%p endif %}

{%p if respond\_change\_end\_po\_against\_me\_TF %}

# Respond to a request to modify, dissolve, or extend the protective order

* Pick the right form
* If 1 person received the protective order, fill out Response to Request to Modify, Extend, or Dissolve a Protective Order (one petitioner).
* If more than 1 person received the protective order, fill out Response to Request to Modify, Extend, or Dissolve a Protective Order (multiple petitioners).
* Fill out the form
* Fill out the top of the form with the information on the request.
* Check boxes telling the court:
  + you are the respondent,
  + whether you are responding to a request to modify, extend, or dissolve the protective order, and
  + whether you agree with or oppose the request.
* Complete, sign, and date the rest of the form.
* File the form
* Make a copy for your records.
* File the original with the court.
* The court clerk will send a copy to the petitioner so you do not need to serve the petitioner yourself.
* Follow the protective order

You must follow the protective order until the court signs an order changing it or you risk getting arrested.

* The court may or may not hold a hearing.
* If the court signs a new order, you will get a copy.
* If there is a separate criminal case against you that prohibits you from contacting the other person, do not contact that person or you risk getting arrested.
* If the court does not change the protective order, you must follow it until it expires, even if you and the other side both want to change it.
* Get more information or help
* Read What to Do if Someone Files a Protective Order Against You.
* Learn about Services for People Who Commit Domestic Violence.

{%p endif %}

{%p if no\_to\_change\_order\_against\_me\_TF %}

# Review tips for when someone has a protective order against you

* Follow all court orders

One incident can result in several different court cases and more than one order not to contact the other person.

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* If you violate the protective order, the police may arrest you.This would be a new criminal case separate from any other criminal case or the protective order case.
* Each case might have different restrictions on what you can or cannot do.You must follow all of them or risk getting arrested for a new crime of violating one of the orders.
* If the protective order is dismissed, that does not end the other cases.You must still follow all orders in the other cases.
* Be sure you understand what each order requires so you do not violate any of them.
* Get more information
* Learn more by reading What to Do if Someone Files a Protective Order Against You*.*
* Learn about Services for People Who Commit Domestic Violence.

{%p endif %}

{%p if short\_term\_wants\_nothing\_else\_TF %}

# Review information for when you already have a protective order

Based on your answers, we have provided resources to help you stay safe, above.

If something changes and you want more information about protective orders, you can use the Guided Assistant again.

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