

Order of Protection – Cook County



Next steps

Be sure to click **Email your forms to the clerk** and then **Submit** to send your forms to the clerk.

When the after-hours clerk gets your forms, they will file them. After your forms are processed, court staff will contact you about seeing a judge from your phone or computer. It may take up to an hour or longer before a judge is ready to see you. Try to stay close to your phone or computer. You need to have the Zoom app installed. Get it here: <https://zoom.us/download> .

You must have a hearing with a judge before you get an Order of Protection. Court staff will provide you with the after-hours Zoom information when it is time for your hearing. If you are not available when they contact you, you will have to reschedule. Call the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 877-863-6338 (877-TO-END-DV) for assistance.

After-hours remote court hearings happen only:

- Monday through Friday: 9:00 PM to 3:00 AM
- Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

After you see the judge, you will receive your stamped court order(s) by email from the clerk. Be sure to check your spam folder if you do not see the email after your hearing.

Note: If you did not enter the Respondent's date of birth on your forms, or if you know another address where the sheriff can find the Respondent, update the Cook County Sheriff's office when you have this information. You can email them at ccso.protectiveorders@ccsheriff.org or call them at (312) 603-2134 or (312) 603-3340, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM.

Your next court date, called the return date, will be held *remotely* at

- 555 W. Harrison Street, in Chicago, or
- At the Daley Center or a suburban Cook County district courthouse, if you have a Domestic Relations case in that courthouse.

Find Zoom links for hearings during regular business hours at:

<https://www.cookcountycourt.org/HOME/Zoom-Links>

If your return date is at 555 W. Harrison Street, Chicago and you live in suburban Cook County, you can request a transfer from the 555 W. Harrison Street judge on that first return date.

Questions? Call the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 877-863-6338 (877-TO-END-DV) to speak with a domestic violence advocate. Or visit <https://the-network.org/get-help/> .