



Denver County Court Civil Protection Order

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Any person **MAY APPLY** for a civil protection order.

A protection order **MAY** be granted under the following circumstances:

- To prevent assaults or credible threats of assault or violence.
- To prevent domestic abuse.
- To prevent emotional abuse of the elderly or at-risk adults.
- To prevent sexual violence.
- To prevent stalking.

Required forms include:

JDF 401 Incident Checklist
JDF 402 Verified Complaint/Motion for Protection Order
JDF 442 Information Sheet for Registering a Protection Order

Forms can be found in Courtroom 159 or the Clerk's office in room 135.

They may also be downloaded from the below website.

[Getting a Protection Order | Colorado Judicial Branch](http://www.coloradojudicial.gov/self-help/getting-protection-order)

www.coloradojudicial.gov/self-help/getting-protection-order

Civil Clerk's Office

1437 Bannock Street

Room 135

8:00 am – 4:00 p.m. Monday -Friday
(closed weekends / holidays)

For assistance completing forms:

Denver County Court Self Help Center

1437 Bannock Street

Room 281

8:00 am – 4:00 p.m. Monday -Friday

720-865-7819

dccselfhelp@denvercountycourt.org

Paperwork must be filed in
person between
7:30-9:00 AM
Monday – Friday in
Courtroom 159

Filing Requirements:

- Filing fee: **\$95 + fee for personal service (varies).**
- Court can waive fees in cases involving DV or in other limited cases.
- Must have full name and date of birth of both parties.
- One of the parties must live, work, or attend school in Denver, OR the incident(s) must have occurred in Denver.

For ADA accommodation requests and related information, please visit:

www.DenverCountyCourt.org/accessibility

The information on this page is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice about your case. If you choose to represent yourself, you are bound by the same rules and procedures as an attorney. If you have a question about any of the information or contents, please contact an attorney.

INCIDENT CHECKLIST

WARNING: This form is provided to help you prepare for your hearing. You may keep it or you may file it with your complaint. **IF YOU DO FILE IT, IT WILL BECOME A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD AND WILL BE SERVED ON THE RESPONDENT AS A PART OF THE COMPLAINT.**

Type of Abuse	Location Where Abuse Occurred	Date(s) of Incident(s)	Physical Injury, if Any	Police Contact?
Name-calling/Directed Use of Obscenities				
Threatening/Harassing Phone Calls				
Threat to Injure Self				
Threat to Injure Others				
Threat by Physical or Sexual Abuse to Children				
Threat by Displaying or Pointing Weapon, or by Access to Weapon				
Threat by Cruelty to Animals				
Threat by Following				
Threat by Damage to Property				
Throwing Things				
Grabbing				
Shoving or Pushing				
Forcing Sexual Contact				
Physically Abusing Children in Household				
Sexually Abusing Children in Household				
Slapping (with an open hand)				
Punching (with a closed fist)				
Kicking				
Using Weapon				
Biting				
Choking or Strangling				
Beating				
Forcing Other to Stay in Closet, Room, Homes, or Other Locations				

Date: _____

Petitioner: _____

County Court, Denver County, Colorado 1437 Bannock Street, Room 135 Denver, Colorado 80202, 720-865-7840	
Petitioner: _____ Date of Birth: _____ v. Respondent: _____ Date of Birth: _____	COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____ The address of the Protected Person may be omitted from the written order of the Court, including the Register of actions.	Case Number: Division: Civil Courtroom:
VERIFIED ☐ COMPLAINT ☐ MOTION FOR CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER	

I, _____ (name of person) request this Court to issue a Civil Protection Order, and in support of this request state the following:

1. I am seeking this Civil Protection Order as a victim of the following: (Mark the applicable circumstances.)

- ☐ Domestic Abuse (§13-14-101(2), C.R.S.)
- ☐ Stalking (§18-3-602, C.R.S.)
- ☐ Sexual Assault (§18-3-402(1), C.R.S.)
- ☐ Unlawful Sexual Contact (§18-3-404, C.R.S.)
- ☐ Abuse of the Elderly or an At-Risk Adult (§26-3.1-101(1) and (7), C.R.S.)
- ☐ Physical Assault, Threat or other situation.

2. I reside or am employed in the County of _____, State of _____, and _____ (name of person) resides or is employed in the County of _____, State of _____. I know _____ (name of person) because: _____

3. The other Protected Persons are (list full name ,date of birth, sex, and race):

Full Name of Protected Person	Date of Birth	Sex	Race	Full Name of Protected Person	Date of Birth	Sex	Race

☐ I have completed and attached the form titled "Affidavit Regarding Children" JDF 404 as children are identified as Protected Persons above.

4. a) The most recent incident that causes me to ask for a Civil Protection Order occurred on or about _____ (date), at about _____ (time), in _____ (County), when _____ (name of person) did the following to me and/or the above named Protected Persons: **Be specific: What was the threat or acts of violence? Where did this occur? Were the minor children or other Protected Persons present? Was a weapon involved?**

- b) The most serious incident that causes me to ask for a Civil Protection Order occurred on or about _____ (date), at about _____ (time), in _____ (County), when _____ (name of person) did the following to me and/or the above named Protected Persons: **Be specific: What was the threat or acts of violence? Where did this occur? Were the minor children or other Protected Persons present? Was a weapon involved?**

- c) Any other past incidents of violence or threats? **Be specific: What was the threat or acts of violence? Where did this occur? Were the minor children or other Protected Persons present? Was a weapon involved?**

- d) Are you aware of any other Protection Orders currently in effect against you or the other person?

☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, list any relevant information, such as the issuing Court, State, and date of the order:

5. I believe that I and/or the other Protected Persons named in this action are in imminent danger from _____ (name of person):

☐ Harm to my/our life or health if he/she is not restrained as requested.

☐ Physical or emotional harm to my/our emotional health or welfare if he/she is not excluded from the family home or the home of another.

6. ☐ I request that I be permitted to omit my address from this Verified Complaint/Motion for Civil Protection Order, because I fear that including my address will endanger me and/or the other Protected Persons.

7. I request the following relief from the Court that _____ (name of person):

a) ☐ Be ordered to refrain from contacting, harassing, injuring, stalking, touching, sexually assaulting, molesting, intimidating, and threatening me or other protected persons.

b) ☐ Be ordered to have **no contact** at all with me or the other Protected Persons.
or

☐ Be allowed only the following limited contact with me or the other Protected Persons: **Be specific.**

c) ☐ Be excluded from my home at (address): **If you checked section 6, do not provide your address.**

d) ☐ Be ordered to stay at least _____ yards from the following places. (address or description)
If you checked section 6, do not provide your address.

☐ Home: _____

☐ Work: Name: _____ Address: _____

☐ School: Name: _____ Address: _____

☐ Other: _____

e) ☐ Be ordered to have **no contact** with the minor children and that I be awarded temporary care and _____ control and Interim Decision-Making Responsibilities for the children.

or

☐ Be awarded temporary care and control of the children and that the other person be given Parenting Time with the children and Interim Decision-Making Responsibilities as follows: **Be specific.**

f) ☐ Be ordered to refrain from molesting, injuring, taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, or disposing of or threatening harm to an animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by me or my minor child(ren), or other protected persons. Arrangements for possession and care are as follows:

- g) ☐ Be ordered, if this is a domestic abuse protection order, to not possess and/or purchase a firearm, ammunition, or other weapon AND to relinquish any firearm or ammunition within the time ordered by the Court.
- h) ☐ Be ordered to refrain from interfering with me or other protected persons at our place of employment or place of education and from engaging in conduct that impairs my or other protected person's employment, educational relationships, or environment.
- i) ☐ Other:

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this Verified Complaint/Motion for Civil Protection Order is true and correct. I understand that once a Civil Protection Order is issued it cannot be modified or dismissed by me or the other person without permission of the Court.

Attorney, if applicable

☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent

Stop: If you checked box number 6, do not fill in your address and telephone number.

Address

Telephone Number

Subscribed and affirmed, or sworn to before me in the County of _____, State of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public/Deputy Clerk

Notice: Colorado Revised Statutes §13-14-105 identifies that a temporary injunction may be issued by the Court and that upon personal service or upon waiver and acceptance of service by the Restrained Person, is to be in effect against the Restrained Person for a period determined to be appropriate by the Court. This injunction restrains the Restrained Person from:

- 1. Ceasing to make payments for mortgage or rent, insurance, utilities or related services, transportation, medical care, or child care when the Restrained Person has a prior existing duty or legal obligation for making such payments.**
- 2. Transferring, encumbering, concealing, or in any way disposing of personal effects or real property, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life.**

The Restrained Person shall be required to account to the Court for all extraordinary expenditures made after the injunction is in effect.

Any injunction issued shall not exceed one year after the issuance of the Permanent Civil Protection Order.

County Court, Denver County, Colorado 1437 Bannock Street, Room 135 Denver, Colorado 80202, 720-865-7840	
Petitioner: _____ v. Respondent: _____	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ FAX Number: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Case Number: _____ Division: Civil Courtroom: _____
AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CHILDREN PURSUANT TO §14-13-209, C.R.S.	

I _____ (name of party) submit the following information to the Court:

1. ☐ I request that I be permitted to omit the children's address from this Affidavit because I fear that including the address will endanger the minor children.
2. The minor children are (list full name and date of birth): **(Do not include address if number 1 above is checked.)**

Full Name of Child	Date of Birth	Current Address

3. The above-named children have lived with the following persons and in the following places within the last five years: (Give name and address of **all persons** the children have lived with within the last five years.)

Name of Party	Address (City/State/Zip Code)	Time Period (Month/Year)	Relationship to Child

4. A legal action for Dissolution of Marriage or Civil Union, Legal Separation, Paternity, or Allocation of Parental Responsibilities (Decision-Making and Parenting Time) with the above-named children identified in the action ☐ has ☐ has not been filed. If such an action has been filed, complete the information below:

County Where Case Has Been Filed	State	Case Number	Nature of Proceeding

5. I ☐ have ☐ have not participated as a party or witness or in any other capacity in any other court proceeding concerning custody of, or visitation, or parenting time with the above-named children in this or any other state. If so, please provide the following information.

County Where Case Has Been Filed	State	Case Number	Date of Hearing

6. I ☐ do ☐ do not know of any court proceedings that could affect this proceeding, including proceedings concerning enforcement of prior orders, domestic violence/abuse, protective/restraining orders, termination of parental rights, or adoption. If so, please provide the following information.

County Where Case Has Been Filed	State	Case Number	Nature of Proceeding

7. I ☐ do ☐ do not know of any person not a party to the proceeding who has physical custody or claims rights of parental responsibilities, legal custody, physical custody, visitation or parenting time with the above-named children. If yes, please provide the following information.

Name of Person	Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

8. I ☐ do ☐ do not understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Court of any custody proceedings concerning the children in this or any other state when I obtain such information during this proceeding.

9. I ☐ am ☐ am not a Native American Indian and these children ☐ are ☐ are not subject to the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

VERIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I _____ (name) swear/affirm under oath, and under penalty of perjury, that I have read the foregoing *AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CHILDREN PURSUANT TO §14-13-209, C.R.S.*, and that the statements set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____

☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent

Subscribed and affirmed, or sworn to before me in the County of _____, State of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public/Deputy Clerk

Case Name _____ v. _____ Case Number: _____

Information Sheet for Registering a Protection Order
Complete this form and attach it to the Verified Complaint for Protection Order Form JDF 402.
Complete and accurate information is critical for the enforcement of a Protection Order.

If this form is incomplete, information may not be posted at Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for Law Enforcement officials to access and your protection order may not be properly enforced.

Information about You (The Protected Party)

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical description: Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Race: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Complete Home Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #'s: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Identify relationship between you and the Restrained Party:

- ☐ Spouse ☐ Former Spouse ☐ Both parties are parents of the child(ren).
☐ Current co-habitants ☐ Former co-habitants ☐ Restrained Party is a parent of the child(ren).
☐ Partner in a Civil Union ☐ Former Partner in a Civil Union
☐ Parties have been or are involved in an intimate relationship for _____ months.

Other persons to be protected: (i.e. children)

Full Name of Protected Party	Sex	Race	Date of Birth

Information about Party to be Restrained

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

If you do not know the date of birth, enter approximate age: _____

Physical description: Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Race: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Complete Home Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #'s: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

☐ Check only if applicable. The restrained party goes by another name, please list all aliases below.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER

These standard instructions are for informational purposes only and do not constitute legal advice about your case. If you choose to represent yourself, you are bound by the same rules and procedures as an attorney.

GENERAL INFORMATION BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR COMPLAINT/MOTION

- ◆ A Temporary or Permanent Civil Protection Order may be issued against an adult or a juvenile who is ten years of age or older.
- ◆ A Protection Order means any Order that prohibits the Restrained Person from contacting, harassing, injuring, intimidating, molesting, threatening, touching, stalking, sexually assaulting or abusing any Protected Person, or from entering or remaining on premises, or from coming within a specified distance of a Protected Person or premises, or from taking, transferring, concealing, harming, disposing of, or threatening harm to an animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by a Protected Person, or any other provision to protect the Protected Person from imminent danger to life or health.
- ◆ Venue is proper in any county where the acts that are the subject of the Complaint/Motion occur, in any county where one of the parties resides, or in any county where one of the parties is employed.
- ◆ To obtain an order for custody of minor children, you will need to file a district court domestic relations case.
- ◆ For additional information, please review Colorado Revised Statute §13-14-104.5, §13-14-105, §13-14-105.5, and §13-14-106.
- ◆ If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation to access the courts, please contact your local ADA Coordinator. Contact information can be obtained from the following website:
http://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/HR/ADA/Coordinator_List.cfm

COMMON TERMS

☒ Petitioner:	The person or business entity filing a Complaint/Motion against a person.
☒ Respondent:	The person that the Complaint/Motion is filed against.
☒ Complaint/Motion:	Document that officially commences the Protection Order process.
☒ Domestic Abuse:	An act, attempted act, or threatened act of violence, stalking, harassment, or coercion that is committed by any person against another person to whom the actor is currently or was formerly related, or with whom the actor is living or has lived in the same domicile, or with whom the actor is involved or has been involved in an intimate relationship.
☒ Protected Person:	The person, persons, or business entity who was granted a Protection Order.
☒ Restrained Person:	The person who is to remain away from making contact with another person(s) or business entity.
☒ May:	In legal terms, "may" is defined as "optional" or "can."
☒ Shall:	In legal terms, "shall" is defined as "required."

If you do not understand this information, please contact an attorney.

FEES

The Court may assess a filing fee to the Person seeking a protection order. A filing fee of \$85.00 is required **except** when the Person seeking a protection order is a victim of domestic abuse, stalking, sexual assault or unlawful sexual contact. If the Person seeking a protection order is not required to pay the filing fee, the Court

may assess the filing fee, service-of-process fees and attorney fees against the Restrained Person at the Permanent Protection Order Hearing.

Other fees that you may encounter are as follows:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ | Copy of Documents | \$.75 per page |
| ☐ | Certification Fee | \$20.00 per document |
| ☐ | Service Fee | Varies (payable to process server) |

FORMS

To access a form online go to www.courts.state.co.us and click on the “Forms” tab. The packet/forms are available in PDF or WORD by selecting “Protection Orders”. You may complete a form online and print or you may print it and type or print legibly in black ink. You may need all or some of these forms. Read these instructions carefully to determine what forms you may need.

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| ☐ | JDF 401 | Incident Checklist |
| ☐ | JDF 402 | Verified Complaint/Motion for Protection Order |
| ☐ | JDF 404 | Affidavit Regarding Children |
| ☐ | JDF 442 | Information Sheet for Registering a Protection Order |

STEPS TO FILING YOUR CASE

Step1: Complete Appropriate Forms.

Please refer to the list of required forms above to determine which forms must be submitted based on your individual circumstances.

- ☐ Contact the Court where you plan to file your case for specific days or times when protection order hearings are scheduled and to determine if they have any other filing requirements.
- ☐ **The caption below needs to be completed on all forms filed.**

☐ Municipal Court ☐ County Court ☐ District Court ☐ Denver Juvenile ☐ Denver Probate County, Colorado Court Address: _____ Petitioner: _____ Address: _____ v. Respondent: _____ Address: _____ _____ NAME OF FORM	COURT USE ONLY Case Number: ▲ Division Courtroom
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- ☐ **Verified Complaint/Motion for Protection Order (JDF 402).**
 - ☐ Complete all necessary information on the form.
 - ☐ Be specific and provide complete information identifying why you are seeking a protection order.
 - ☐ If you want to have your address left out of the pleadings, check box #6 on the Complaint/Motion.
 - ☐ This Complaint/Motion must be signed in the presence of a Court Clerk or Notary Public

- ☐ **Incident Checklist (JDF 401).**
 - ☐ You may complete this form to help you prepare for your hearing.
 - ☐ You may keep it or you may file it with your Verified Complaint/Motion.
 - ☐ **If you do file this form, it will become a part of the public record and will be served on the other party as a part of the Complaint/Motion.**
- ☐ **Affidavit Regarding Children (JDF 404).**
 - ☐ If you intend to ask for temporary care and control, interim decision-making, or parenting time for the children or a protection order for the benefit of any minor child, you must complete this form.
 - ☐ This Affidavit must be signed in the presence of a Court Clerk or Notary Public
- ☐ **Information Sheet for Registering a Protection Order (JDF 442).**
 - ☐ Complete this form and attach it to the Verified Complaint/Motion for Protection Order (JDF 402).
 - ☐ It is critical that the information be complete and accurate for enforcement of the protection order.

Step 2: You are ready to file your papers with the Court.

- ☐ Provide the Court with the documents completed as described in Step 1 above.
- ☐ If the Complaint/Motion and/or Affidavit have not been signed in the presence of a Notary Public, you will sign the Complaint/Motion and/or Affidavit before the Court at this time.

Step 3: Temporary Protection Order Hearing.

- ☐ Be prepared as you may be asked questions about your request to obtain a temporary protection order and any issues regarding the children, if applicable.
- ☐ If the Court grants a temporary protection order, you will be provided with a written Order stating such.
- ☐ **When you receive the Temporary Protection Order, you need to do the following:**
 - ☐ Obtain Certified Copies of the Order. The number of copies will vary based on your circumstances.
 - ☐ You will need one for yourself and one to serve the Restrained Person.
 - ☐ If you were awarded temporary care and control, parenting time and/or interim decision-making of the minor children or if the Restrained Person was ordered to have no contact with the minor children, you may need copies for your work, children's school, daycare provider, etc.
 - ☐ **Remember to carry a copy of the Protection Order and Affidavit/Certificate of Service at all times.**

Step 4: Complete Personal Service.

You shall complete personal service on the other party with a copy of the Complaint/Motion, Temporary Protection Order and Affidavit/Certificate of Service per rule 4(e) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure prior to your Permanent Orders Hearing or next hearing date set by the Court. The Permanent Orders hearing is usually set within 14 days from your Temporary Orders Hearing or the Court may set a future hearing date to address parenting time and decision-making responsibilities. **Helpful Hints to complete personal service:**

- ☐ Take a copy of the Complaint/Motion, Temporary Protection Order, and Affidavit/Certificate of Service to the sheriff, a private process server, or someone you know who is 18 years or older, who is not a party to the case, and who knows the rules of service to serve the Respondent.
- ☐ Be sure to direct the sheriff, private process server, or person serving the documents to return the original and copy of the Affidavit/Certificate of Service to you.
- ☐ Remember to bring the **original** to Court on the day of your Permanent Orders Hearing.
- ☐ Carry the returned Affidavit/Certificate of Service with you along with your Temporary Protection Order. You may need to provide both forms to law enforcement.
- ☐ If personal service cannot be completed, inquire with the Court to determine what other steps can be taken to complete service.

Step 5: Permanent Orders Hearing.

Ask the Court for information or there may be a victim's advocate program in your area that can provide help. You may call witnesses and present evidence if you wish. The Court will issue subpoenas for witnesses you need.

- ☐ **If you obtained a Temporary Protection Order, you must:**
 - ◆ Appear at the permanent orders hearing or the next hearing date set by the Court on the date and time scheduled in the Order **or your Temporary Protection Order will automatically expire.**
 - ◆ Bring the original Affidavit/Certificate of Service and submit it to the Court.
- ☐ If the Court grants the Permanent Protection Order, you will be provided with a written order stating such. When you receive the Permanent Protection Order, you need to do the following:
 - ☐ Obtain Certified Copies of the Order. The number of copies will vary based on your circumstances.
 - ☐ You will need one for yourself and one to serve the Restrained Party.
 - ☐ If the Restrained Person was ordered to have no contact with minor children, you may need copies for your work, children's school, daycare provider, etc.
 - ☐ If the Restrained Person is present during the hearing, the Court will submit the Order to him/her and personal service is not necessary.
 - ☐ If the Restrained Person is not present and the Permanent Protection Order is different from the Temporary Protection Order, you must complete personal service. **Helpful Hints to complete personal service:**
 - ☐ Take a copy of the Complaint, Permanent Protection Order, and Affidavit/Certificate of Service to the sheriff, a private process server, or someone you know who is 18 years or older, who is not a party to the case, and who knows the rules of service to serve the Respondent.
 - ☐ Be sure to direct the sheriff, private process server, or person serving the order to return a copy of the Affidavit/Certificate of Service to you and to file the **original** with the Court as soon as possible after service has been completed.
 - ☐ If personal service cannot be completed, inquire with the Court to determine what further steps can be taken.

Remember to carry a copy of the Order and Affidavit/Certificate of Service at all times.

VICTIM RESOURCE PROGRAM

720.913.8020

SHELTERS

SafeHouse Denver.....303.318.9989
Family Tree Women
in Crisis 303.420.6752
Gateway Domestic
Violence Services303.343.1851
Safe Shelter of
St. Vrain Valley 303.772.4422
The Crisis Center..... 303.688.8484

For Teens & Children

Child Care Assistance
Program 303.468.5252
Denver Children's
Advocacy Center 303.825.3850
Servicios de la Raza303.458.5851
Karlis Family Center303.462.1315

JUSTICE SYSTEM CONTACTS

Denver Police Department,
Non-Emergency Line 720.913.2000
Denver Police Department,
Domestic Violence Unit.... 720.913.6050
Denver Police Department,
Victim Assistance Unit..... 720.913.6035
Denver City Jail
(Inmate information) 720.337.0400
Denver County Jail
(Inmate information) 720.913.3646
Denver District Attorney's
Office..... 720.913.9000
Electronic Monitoring
Program 720.913.8250
Victims' Compensation.... 720.913.9253
VINE (jail release notification)
..... 888.263.8463
Warm Welcome Court
Child Care Center..... 720.865.9930

PROTECTION ORDERS & LEGAL RESOURCES

Denver Protection Order Court,
1437 Bannock St.,
Room 159 720.865.7285
Colorado Legal Services ... 303.837.1313
DU Law School 303.871.6140
Justice and Mercy
Legal Aid Clinic.....303.839.5198
LINC
www.coloradolinc.org 720.583.2929
Project Safeguard720.865.9159
Rocky Mountain
Children's Law Center303.692.1165
Rocky Mountain
Victim Law Center 303.295.2001

OUTREACH & ASSISTANCE

*Asian Pacific
Development Center 303.923.2920

The Blue Bench
(formerly RAAP) 303.322.7273
*Center for Trauma
& Resilience 303.894.8000
*Colorado African
Organization 303.953.7060
Colorado Crisis Services .. 844.493.8255
Denver Indian Family
Resource Center303.871.8035
DOVE (TTY line) 303.831.7874
Domestic Violence Initiative for
Women with Disabilities....303.839.5510
Maria Droste Counseling .. 303.756.9052
Metro Caring 303.860.7200
*Muslim Family Services . 303.755.5228
Rose Andom Center..... 720.337.4400
*Servicios de la Raza.....303.458.5851
Survivors Organizing for Liberation
(LGBTQ victims)..... 303.852.5094

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Denver Dept. of Human Services,
Child Support
Enforcement..... 720.944.2960
Denver Works..... 303.433.0300
GIVE Denver
www.denvergov.org/GIVE... 720.944.4483
LEAP
(utility bill assistance)..... 303.297.0057
Mi Casa.....303.573.1302

ASSISTANCE FOR PETS

Cat Care Society 303.239.9680
Dumb Friends League.....303.696.4941

*IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

See also
www.denverlibrary.org/services-immigrants



DENVER
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Van Cise Simonet Detention Center & Courtroom 2300

490 W. Colfax Ave., Denver

Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse

520 W. Colfax Ave., Denver

Rose Andom Center, City Attorney Victim Specialists

1330 Fox Street, Denver

For information on YOUR CASE
call us at

720.913.8020

VICTIM RESOURCE PROGRAM

720.913.8020

PROTECTION (RESTRAINING) ORDERS

You may request a protection order if there has been harm, the threat of harm, or an act of violence.

There are two ways to obtain a protection order: as part of the criminal case, or in civil court. If you want a protection order while your case is going through the criminal justice process, contact a victim advocate in our office by calling **720.913.8020**. This protection order is not permanent and will expire when the criminal case is closed.

If you want a permanent protection order, you will need to go to civil court. You may file for a protection order at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. You will be asked to provide the name of the defendant, where the defendant lives or works, and information that shows why you are in fear for your safety. You may call the Court with questions at **720.865.7285**. Project Safeguard has staff on site who can offer assistance and can be reached at **720.865.9159**.

Tips to Help You in Protection Order Court

- Protection order paperwork must be turned in by 9 a.m. Monday - Friday.
- There are court fees (\$25) and a fee for serving the paperwork, although if your case involves domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or elder abuse both fees may be waived.
- If you are indigent, the court filing fee may be waived.
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Denver (civil) Protection Order Court

City & County Building, Room 159, 1437 Bannock Street, 80204
720.865.7285

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RED FLAGS IN RELATIONSHIPS

- Excessive criticism
- Name calling
- Destruction of personal property, photos
- Cruelty towards pets
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- Extreme jealousy & accusations of affairs
- One person makes all the rules & punishes the other for not following them
- Isolation from friends, family, faith community
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- Forced sexual acts
- Deliberate humiliation
- Withholding care or personal assistive devices (glasses, walkers)
- Constant "checking up" on the other person's e-mails, phone calls, or activities
- Threats - to harm, to "out" the other, to take custody, to put in a nursing home, to kill

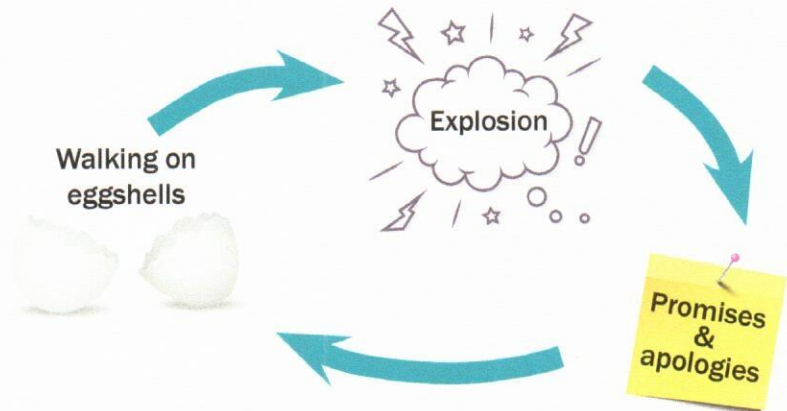
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a **pattern** of coercive behaviors designed to gain and maintain **power and control** in an intimate relationship. The pattern is punctuated by threats of physical and sexual violence.

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Often times, the pattern plays out in a cycle that starts with loving feelings and

statements, that eventually turns into constant tension. Many people describe this as a time of walking on eggshells. The tension is broken with an explosion, that may include acts of physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual violence. In many cases, this explosion is followed by gift-giving, promises the violence will never happen again, pledges of love, and apologies. It may also include statements that blame you, the victim, for the abuse. And then the tension begins again.



If you find yourself trapped in this cycle, understand **the abuse is not your fault**. Abusers may be charming and cruel, successful *and* violent, which enchants and entraps those who love them. **You do not deserve to be abused.**

And, you are not alone. Victim Specialists are available to provide more in-depth information on intimate partner abuse, resources to help you heal

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