

Overview

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What Is a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) and How Does a Legal Advocate Help?

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A TPO is not the same as a civil restraining order and a legal advocate does not assist with the preparation of petitions for these orders. Please consult an attorney if you are seeking a civil restraining order.

I Need a TPO, Now What?

Before a legal advocate can assist you, you must go through a screening process to determine whether or not the criteria for a TPO has been met. This initial screening may take place over the phone to avoid any inconveniences to you such as long wait times at the courthouse and/or lost time at work. Once this initial screening process is complete, if you are cleared to proceed further a legal advocate may help you.

Some Important Things to Know:

- If the person against whom you are seeking a TPO is a resident of the State of Georgia, you must file your petition in the County where that person resides.
- Before filing a petition, you will need to provide a valid address for the person against whom you are seeking a TPO.
- There is no fee for filing a petition for a TPO under the Family Violence Act.

Supporting Documents

Family Violence Twelve Month Protective Order 74.68 KB

Family Violence Ex Parte Protective Order 66.2 KB

Web Links

- [Gateway Domestic Violence Center - Hall County](#)
- [NOA \(No One Alone\) - Dawson County](#)

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Directions

Hall County Courthouse
225 Green St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
United States