

Court Protective Orders:

Domestic Violence Protective Orders:

- All Protection/No Contact Orders May Be Obtained Through the Thurston County Clerk's Office
 - (360) 786-5450
 - <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/clerk/protectionorders.htm>
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Protection Orders

- [26.50RCW](#) - A protection order is a civil order issued by the court that tells the alleged perpetrator to stay away from the victim, the victim's children, and the place(s) the victim lives or works. Generally if the alleged perpetrator does not obey the order, they can be arrested. To obtain an order, a victim must file paperwork with the court and have a hearing where the alleged perpetrator will have an opportunity to respond to the legal request for a protective order. If a victim is sixteen or older they can seek a protection order without involving their parent or guardian.

To get a domestic violence protection order, the victim must have a domestic relationship with the person who assaulted her/him. This means the victim and the perpetrator must be in a family or household relationship with each other to qualify for this type of order. Qualifying relationships include the following: a person to whom you are married or formerly married, or live with or formerly lived with, have children with, or are related by blood or marriage or that you dated or formerly dated. If you do not meet these relationship requirements you are not eligible for a domestic violence protection order.

Sexual Assault Protection Order

- [7.90RCW](#) - A sexual assault protection order is a civil order issued by the court on behalf of a sexual assault victim. (1) The order can require the alleged perpetrator to stay away from the victim or other place(s) where the victim lives or works and to have no further contact with the victim.

Any person 16 or older who is a victim of sexual assault – including a single incident - may petition the court to obtain the

order. Victims under 16 need a parent or guardian to petition on their behalf. A third party may also file on behalf of a vulnerable adult or any other adult who cannot file due to age, disability, health, or inaccessibility.

- A Sexual Assault Protection Order may also be obtained as part of a criminal case. If a victim reports the sexual assault to law enforcement and the assailant is being prosecuted, a judge may order a Sexual Assault Protection Order to keep the assailant away from the victim when he/she is released from custody.

The law defines “sexual assault” as:

- Nonconsensual (meaning lack of freely given agreement) sexual touching of the genitals, anus or breasts – either directly or through clothing.
- Nonconsensual sexual penetration, however slight, of the genitals or anus by another body part of another including the mouth or the use of objects.
- Forced display of the genitals, anus or breasts for the purpose of sexually arousing another. The sexual assault protection order is designed for victims who do not meet the “domestic relationship” requirement with the person who sexually assaulted her/him to qualify for a domestic violence protection order. If you are considering petitioning for a sexual assault protection order, you should meet with a sexual assault advocate or a lawyer to discuss the different available remedies and legal challenges with the various orders. A sexual assault advocate or a lawyer can help you to determine which order is most appropriate for your situation.
- If you need further help, please contact WCSAP Legal Services Department at 360-754-7583.

Criminal No Contact Order

- Is a No Contact Order requested by the State or Deputy Prosecutor in conjunction with a criminal case.

Civil Anti-Harassment Order

- [10.14RCW](#) - An anti-harassment order is a civil protection order that prohibits unlawful harassment. To get an anti-harassment order a victim must be able to show that the person has engaged in unlawful harassment. “Unlawful harassment” means a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at the

victim which seriously alarms, annoys, harasses, or is detrimental to the victim, and which also serves no legitimate or lawful purpose. “Course of conduct” means a series of acts over a period of time, however short, all with a similar purpose. Sometimes it is difficult to show that there is a pattern if there was only one incident of sexual assault. However, a victim may still be eligible for such an order.

Restraining Order

- The order issued to maintain status quo by prohibiting a party from doing any action or proposed action until further orders. For example a court issuing a restraining order prohibiting further development in a disputed property until the dispute is settled or issued as part of a divorce proceeding.

Vulnerable Adult Protection Order

- [74.34.110RCW](#) - A vulnerable adult protection order is civil protection order that is brought on behalf of a vulnerable adult.

- WHO IS A VULNERABLE ADULT?

[74.34.020\(13\)RCW](#) - Under the law, a vulnerable adult is generally someone over the age of sixty who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for himself or herself; or is found incapacitated or who has a developmental disability or is admitted to any facility; or is receiving services from home health, hospice, or home care agencies or is receiving services from an individual provider.

Sexual Assault Victim Information

- Monarch Children’s Justice and Advocacy Center
This multidisciplinary approach offers child victims and their families a place where they can access the help they need to heal emotionally and physically from abuse.
Website: www.monarchcjac.org/
(360)923-1884
Monarch Therapy Program
Offers Free Individual, Family and Group Therapy for Victims

of Sexual Abuse (all Ages)

- Safeplace Rape Relief and Women's Shelter Services
(360)754-6300 (24 hours)

Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

Website: www.wcsap.org

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