	Order for Protection (OFP)	Harassment Restraining Order (HRO)	Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO)	No Contact Order (NCO)
Type of Order	Family Court Order	Civil Order	Criminal Order	Criminal Order
Who can seek order?	Victim or family member of victim, if they are a minor	Victim or family member of victim, if they are a minor	Prosecutor	Prosecutor
Must Allege	Physical harm, fear of physical harm, threats of violence, sexual assault, interference with a 911 call	Physical or sexual assault, stalking, nonconsensual dissemination of sexual images, repeated intrusive acts	Criminal charges or conviction for domestic assault, harassment of family/household member, OFP or DANCO violation	Criminal charges or conviction of a crime
Relationship	Household or family member as defined	No relationship requirement	Household or family member as defined	No relationship requirement
When to request	When in fear of imminent physical harm from a family or household member	When acts have a substantial adverse effect on feelings of safety, security, or privacy	During criminal justice process for qualified crimes	During criminal justice process
Important to note	The OFP statute does not account for emotional abuse.	An HRO can stop an abuser from speaking to a victim, but not about them.	Prosecutor must bring any requests to modify or drop a DANCO to the judge.	Violations of a NCO are not an automatic arrest.

Leaving an abuser is the most dangerous time for a victim. A protection order should only be one part of an overall safety plan. Please contact an advocate for assistance at 651.452.7288 or 651.437.1291.

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