

Domestic Violence and Stalking **How can you be protected?**

1.) What is an Order of Protection?

An Order of Protection is a legal document granted by a Judge that orders a person to stay away from you.

2.) Are there different types of Orders of Protection?

Yes. Some Orders of Protection are attached to pending criminal charges. Other Orders of Protection are determined by a Judge or Magistrate after a petition is filed with the County Clerk of Court.

All Orders of Protection are meant to help protect you from violence, stalking, and/or harassment by another person.

3.) Where can I find more information on Orders of Protection?

For more details go to: <https://www.cityoflorain.org/DocumentCenter/View/3734/Public-Service-Announcement-on-Orders-of-Protections>

For additional information or victim support services, please call:

City of Lorain Prosecutor's Office Victim Advocates: **(440) 204-2230**

Lorain County Safe Harbor/Genesis House: **(440) 244-1853**

	Civil Stalking Protection Order	Domestic Violence Protection Order	Sexually Oriented Offense Stalking Protection Order	Temporary Protection Order	No Contact Order
Who May Request this Order?	Anyone stalked/harassed by another (<i>not family or household members</i>) and in fear for their safety.	Anyone stalked or harassed by a spouse/ parent/ child or family member that lived with you in the past 5 yrs	Any victim of a sexually oriented offense per RC 2950.01	Victims of <u>certain</u> criminal offenses that are filed in a court of law	Victims of criminal offenses which are pending or resolved in a court of law
How is the Order requested?	Petition is filed at the Lorain County Civil Clerk of Court M-F; 8a-4p	Petition is filed at the Lorain County Domestic Relations Clerk of Court M-F, 8a-4p	Petition is filed at the Lorain County Civil Clerk of Court M-F; 8a-4p	Victim and/or Prosecutor may request this Order at the Defendant's first court appearance	Victim and/or Prosecutor may request this Order during the pendency of the criminal case or at its completion
How long does the Order last?	Ex parte (<i>Only Petitioner present</i>): Effective until the full hearing results. Full Order: Effective up to 5 years	Ex parte (<i>Only Petitioner present</i>): Effective until the full hearing results. Full Order: Effective up to 5 years	Ex parte (<i>Only Petitioner present</i>): Effective until the full hearing results. Full Order: Effective up to 5 years	Effective for the duration of the criminal case	Effective for the period of time ordered by the Judge in the criminal case
How is Notice of the Order Served on the Respondent/Defendant?	Lorain County Sheriff 's Office	Lorain County Sheriff's Office	Lorain County Sheriff's Office	Defendant notified in court by Judge	Defendant notified in court by Judge
Is the Order enforceable by Law Enforcement?	Yes. Order entered into LEADS	Yes. Order entered into LEADS	Yes. Order entered into LEADS	Yes. Order entered into LEADS	Yes. Order entered into LEADS

Lorain County Sheriff's Office: (440) 329-3709

Lorain County Safe Harbor/Genesis House: (440) 244-1853

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE): **(800) 770-0192**; www.vineline.com
(Notifies victim when a defendant has been released from jail)

Lorain County Clerk of Court (Civil): (440) 329-5000

Lorain County Prosecutor's Office Victim Advocates: (440) 329-5373

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