

HUNT COUNTY: PROTECTIVE ORDERS

A protective order is a civil court order that tells the person you are complaining against not to commit any further acts of violence against you. The Hunt County Attorney's Office does not grant or issue protective orders. Only a judge can grant or issue a protective order.

I. WHO CAN APPLY FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Before a judge will grant or issue a protective order, you must show that: (1) family violence has occurred, and (2) that family violence is likely to occur in the future. Family violence includes dating violence and is defined as an act intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault. When you go to court, you must be able to show that the person you want the order against has recently committed one or more act of physical violence against you or made threats to physically harm you.

You must also show that you and the person you want the order against meets one of the following relationships: (1) related by blood; (2) related by marriage; (3) have been married; (4) have lived together; (5) have had a child together; (6) have had a dating relationship.

Limitations

If you are married to the person and you are currently going through a divorce, you should talk to your divorce attorney about getting a protective order as part of your divorce.

This office DOES NOT get involved with custody **or** visitation **or** child support matters **or** property disputes. If custody or property issues are important to you, you may want to consult a private attorney who can help you get custody of your children and possession of property in addition to obtaining a protective order.

An application for a protective order is not a criminal charge. Criminal acts must be reported to a law enforcement agency in order to be prosecuted.

II. HOW TO APPLY FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER

To request a protective order, contact:

Women In Need, Inc.
Greenville Office: 903-455-4612
Greenville Fax: 903-455-7760
<https://www.wintexas.org/contact/>

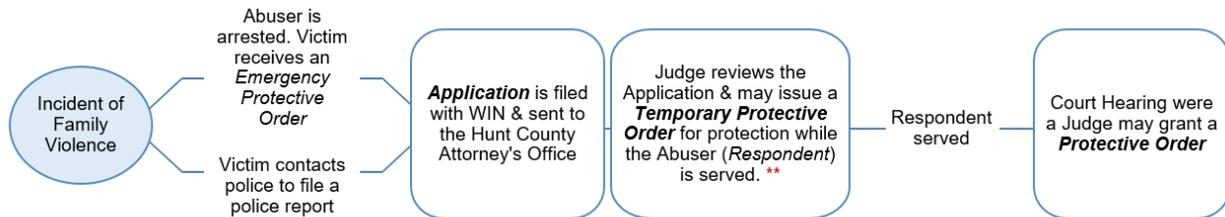
Application Process

The applicant will be required to make at least one appointment in the office of **Women In Need – Greenville (WIN)** to complete the application and at least one court appearance. You must be willing to make a time commitment and testify in court.

Before filing an application for protective order, you must file a police report about the incident of family violence that prompted you to seek a protective order. To file a police report, contact 911

in an emergency, or your local police department in a non-emergency. A police report is *not required* if you have recently been issued an emergency protective order.

To apply, complete the Intake Application during your appointment in the office of Women In Need (WIN.) Please provide WIN any photos of injuries sustained from the incident of family violence, or documented proof of threats made against you such as text messages or voice mails. You must also provide an address where the person can be found during the day. To get a protective order, that person must receive personal notification of your application for a protective order.



**If you are seeking a kick out order you must be present in court when the application is reviewed by the Judge

If the judge decides to grant or issue a protective order, with a duration of up to 2 years, that prohibits the person you are complaining against NOT to:

1. Commit any acts of violence against you;
2. Communicate directly or indirectly with you in a threatening or harassing manner;
3. Go within a specified distance of your home or place of employment
4. Possess a firearm.