

ORDER OF PROTECTION

ST. LOUIS CITY

Where to Apply:

Monday through Friday
8:30AM-4PM

Adult Abuse Office
Circuit Court Clerks Office, Room 901
10 N. Tucker
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314)622-4434

After 6PM on weekdays
or weekends/holidays

South Patrol Division- Districts 1 and 2
3157 Sublette Ave
(314) 444-0100
OR
Central Patrol Division- Districts 3 and 4
919 N. Jefferson Ave
(314)444-2500

Steps For Filing:

1. Go to the adult abuse office/designated police stations.
2. Meet with a staff member/advocate in the office who can help talk through filling out the paperwork.
3. Fill out the packet (binders on tables explain filling out the packet step by step).

4. Give completed packet to a staff member/advocate in the office. They will file it and give it to a judge to review.

5. Judge reviews the packet and signs off on the ex-parte order. You will be given a final hearing date scheduled in the next two weeks.

6. The police attempt to serve the respondent (person you filed against) with the order of protection.

7. You **MUST** attend the final hearing date or the order of protection will be dismissed. Even if the respondent has not been served you still need to attend the hearing to get a new court date.

8. At the full order of protection hearing date you will go in front of the judge and provide your testimony to the incident.

9. Judge rules on the order of protection and how long it will be in place (between 6 months to one year).

*(the ex-parte order is a temporary protection order that stays in place until your final hearing date)

Requirements To File:

- Both you (petitioner) and the person you are filling against (respondent) must be over the age of 18, unless you are married or living apart from your parent.
- You can fill against a spouse, ex-spouse, a person whom you have had an intimate or romantic relationship with, a person you lived with, a person whom you have a child in common, or a person who is stalking you.
- The person you are filling against (respondent) must have:
 - intentionally injured you
 - attempted to physically injure you
 - place you in fear of immediate physical harm
 - committed coercion, harassment, sexual assault, and/or unlawful imprisonment and/or has stalked you
- You must have a valid address for the respondent (home, work, or confinement location).

Helpful Hints While Filing:

- Put as much information as possible.
- The person you are filing against will not see the first two pages of the petition.
- Write specifically about what actions the defendant did to make you fear for your safety.



Office: (314) 622-4373

Address: 1114 Market Street, Room 401
St. Louis, MO 63101