



VIDEO 4

Getting Legal Requesting Relief and Remedies



Get Protection From Abuse

While it's always best to consult a lawyer, this 7-part video series from Legal Aid of Western Ohio will help you navigate the legal system and take you step-by-step through the process of getting a civil protection order to protect yourself and those you care about.

Obtaining a Civil Protection Order (CPO)

To obtain a Civil Protection Order (CPO), you must prove that 1.) domestic violence occurred, and 2.) you are afraid it could happen again. Domestic violence includes physical violence, threats to harm, sexual violence, child abuse, and stalking.



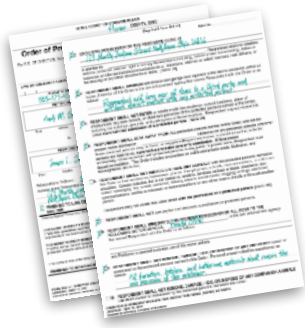
How will the CPO keep me safe?

The forms required for the CPO will ask questions about your abuse. Based on your answers, the court will grant you "remedies." A remedy is something the **Court will order in exact detail** what your abuser must "do" or "not do" to keep you safe. *Example: leave your shared residency immediately.*



What if I am in immediate danger?

If you are in immediate danger, the court will likely order your abuser to be evicted immediately (by police) and cease contacting you or any household members named in the protection order.



What other remedies can I request?

Other remedies from the court may include child custody, possession of shared vehicles or allocation of personal property. If your abuser owns firearms, the CPO will require them to be turned over to police for the duration of the protection order.



Everyone has the right to live free from domestic violence. For more information on protecting yourself and your family, contact:



Your local domestic violence agency.

To find your agency, contact
Ohio Domestic Violence Network at

www.odvn.org/find-help



Your local Legal Aid.

To find the Legal Aid for your county, contact
www.ohiolegalhelp.org/find-your-legal-aid



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