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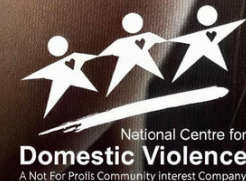


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If you are reading this you, or someone you know, might be experiencing domestic abuse. This is sometimes called coercive control. We understand this can feel frightening. We can help you by assessing if you are eligible for a protective order and helping you obtain it. This leaflet explains exactly what we can do, but if you are in any doubt please give us a call on 0800 970 2070.

About us

The National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) is a not-for-profit service that assists you to obtain a protection order to protect you from further abuse. These are sometimes called injunctions. A non-molestation order is one example of a protection order.

How we can help

We are experts on the Family Law Act 1996, and the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, so if you are being abused or controlled, tell us your story and we will try to help you.

What is a Protection Order?

A protection order is a legal court order that prevents an abuser from contacting you, using or threatening violence against you, harassing, or intimidating you. If the order is breached, police can arrest the abuser immediately. If you are living or have lived with the abuser, we may be able to prevent them from returning to your home or even have them removed.

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I don't want the abuser to get a criminal record

A civil protection order means that the Police have no involvement unless the terms of the order are breached. So, there is no criminal offence unless you are contacted, threatened, abused or intimidated.

How long does it last?

A judge decides how long the order will last. This is usually 6–12 months but it could be longer, with no maximum limit.

How do I get an order?

Call us. We will take brief details and assess your case quickly. If you're eligible for an order, you will proceed to the next step where all the documents to apply for your injunction will be drafted. One of the documents is your statement, your chance to tell your story. If you are able to access legal aid funding, you will be passed to one of our panel solicitors who will go to court with you to obtain your protection order. If not, our pro bono team can assist you, free of charge.



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How do they work?

Protection orders help give you back control of your situation, especially if you need to break free from an abusive relationship. They allow you to stand up for yourself and say "NO" to being intimidated. If the order is breached, the Police can arrest the abuser. They can even be put in jail for up to 5 years.

How will it take?

We can help you obtain an order very quickly, often within a day or two. But other factors play a part, like how quickly you can complete your parts, and sometimes how quickly a court can hear your case.

Can you help with other things?

There might be lots of things to think about right now. Whilst we only specialise in protection orders, we will signpost you to other organisations that can help with emotional and practical support. Our website is also a useful source of information and resources www.ncdv.org.uk

How much will it cost?

Our services are free of charge and at no point will you be asked to pay us any money. Many people are covered by Legal Aid which will be arranged with your allocated solicitor. If you're not eligible for legal aid, we can still help you through our pro bono team. Please don't worry about that now, your safety is the most important thing and when you call, we will explain all your options.