

What is a Sexual Assault Protection Order?

A sexual assault protection order is a civil order issued by a court on behalf of a sexual assault victim.

What Can a Sexual Assault Protection Order Do?

The order can require the person who harmed you to stay away from you, your home, school, work or other places you request, and to have no further contact with you.

Who Can Get a Sexual Assault Protection Order?

Any person 16 or older who is a victim of sexual assault may petition the court to obtain an order. If you are under 16, you need a parent or guardian to ask the court for the order on your behalf.

What is Sexual Assault?

The law defines sexual assault as:

- Nonconsensual (meaning lack of freely given agreement) sexual touching of the genitals, anus, or breasts – either directly or through clothing.
- Nonconsensual sexual penetration, however slight, of the genitals or anus by a body part of another including the mouth or the use of objects.
- Forced display of the genitals, anus or breasts for the purpose of sexually arousing another.

A Sexual Assault Protection Order may also be obtained as part of a criminal case. If you have reported the sexual assault to law enforcement and the person who assaulted you is being prosecuted, a judge may order a Sexual Assault Protection Order to protect you when the person is released from custody.

Resources:

**Washington Coalition of
Sexual Assault Programs**
1-360-754-7583

www.wcsap.org

Local Sexual Assault Program

Kennewick

Sexual Assault Response Center
830 N Columbia Ctr Blvd, #H
Kennewick, WA 99336
(509) 374-5391

sarced@verizon.net

www.sexualassaultresponsecenter.com

Your region has a local sexual assault program that provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault. These services include information, referral and crisis intervention 24 hours a day. Trained advocates are also available to provide legal, medical and general advocacy services.

To find your local sexual assault program, go to www.wcsap.org/help or ask the court clerk.

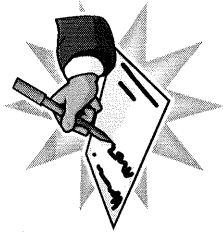
Information On Sexual Assault Protection Orders



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How to Apply for a Sexual Assault Protection Order...

Step 1: Petition the Court



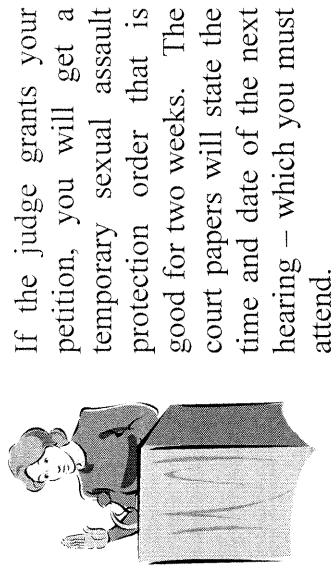
You can get the petitions (forms) for sexual assault protection orders at a court, from your sexual assault advocate or on the internet at www.courts.wa.gov/forms. A sexual assault advocate can help you complete the petition and be with you through this process or a lawyer may represent you.

You must swear under oath that the things you write in the petition are true. **In the petition, you must state that you are a victim of sexual assault and the reasons why you are afraid of the person who assaulted you.**

File the petition with the court clerk at your local court. You do not have to pay a fee.

Step 2: Appear for a Temporary Hearing

After you file the petition, you will need to talk to a judge in a courtroom. The judge will ask you questions and you will need to answer truthfully under oath. A sexual assault advocate or a lawyer, if you have one, can come with you to this hearing.



Step 3: Personal Service

A law enforcement officer must then give a copy of your petition, the temporary order and notice of the hearing date to the person who assaulted you – who is called the “respondent”. The officer has to be able to give these papers to the respondent **personally** – so if you do not know where the person is or have their address, you may not be able to get the full order.

The officer must give these papers to the respondent at least **five** days before the full hearing. You may have to pay a fee for service.



Step 4: Appear for a Full Hearing

After two weeks, you will come back to court. If possible, you should bring a lawyer to represent you at this hearing - but you are not required to have one. A sexual assault advocate can come with you too. The person who assaulted you will likely be at this hearing and may also bring a lawyer. You should come to this hearing, whether the respondent has been served or not. If you

do not come, the court will dismiss the case and you will not be protected by an order.

At the full hearing, both you and the respondent will be asked questions by the judge, the lawyers or one another about the sexual assault and other things you wrote in your petition. It is helpful to make a list of what you want to tell the judge and to bring copies of any important records such as medical or police records, if you have them. The judge will decide whether or not to give you a full sexual assault protection order – which lasts up to two years. If you want the order to be effective for longer, you must petition the court for renewal within three months of the order’s expiration date.

Modifying/Terminating Orders

Either you or the respondent may bring a motion to modify or terminate the order. The judge will decide at a hearing whether or not to grant the motion.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if the respondent violates my protection order?

- Call 911 immediately
- Show the police a certified copy of the protection order
- The respondent can be arrested for violating the order

Keep a Certified Copy of Your Order With You at All Times!

Can criminal charges also be filed?

Sexual assault protection orders are civil orders. Violations of these civil orders have criminal penalties, but these orders are not criminal charges against the respondent. If you wish to have criminal charges filed, contact law enforcement to report the sexual assault or your local prosecuting attorney.

Community Sexual Assault Programs in Washington State 2005 - 2006

Aberdeen

Beyond Survival
PO Box 203
Aberdeen, WA 98520
(360) 533-9751
Hotline: (360) 535-9751
angelan@coastalcap.org

Cathlamet

**St. James Family Center /
The Charlotte House**
PO Box 642
Cathlamet, WA 98612
(360) 795-6401
Hotline: (866) 795-9381
hansenb@centurytel.net
www.stjamesfamilycenter.org

Coupeville

**Citizens Against Domestic &
Sexual Abuse**
PO Box 723
Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-9363
Hotline: (360) 678-3030
margie@cadacanhelpp.org
www.cadacanhelpp.org

Everett

**Providence Sexual Assault
Center**
PO BOX 1067
Everett, WA 98206
(425) 258-7969
Hotline: (425) 252-4800
dusty.olson@providence.org

Moses Lake

New Hope DV/SA Services
PO Box 1744
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509)764-8402
Hotline: (888) 560-6027
newhope@sliderule.net

Bellevue

**Harborview Children's
Response Center**
1120 112th Ave NE #130
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 688-5130
Hotline: (425) 688-5130
ddoane@u.washington.edu
www.childrensresponsecenter.org

Chehalis

Human Response Network
PO Box 337
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360) 748-6601
Hotline: (800) 244-7414
hrnet@localaccess.com

Davenport

**Family Resource Center of
Lincoln County**
PO Box 1130
Davenport, WA 99122
(509) 725-4358
Hotline: (800) 932-0932
family@frcofflincolncounty.org

Forks

Forks Abuse Program
PO Box 1775
Forks, WA 98331
(360) 374-6411
Hotline: (360) 374-2273
sally.s@forksabuse.org
www.forksabuse.org

Mount Vernon

Skagit DV/ SA Services
PO Box 301
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 336-9591
Hotline: (800) 726-6010
pamc@skagitdvsas.org
www.skagitdvsas.org

Bellingham

DV/SA of Whatcom County
1407 Commercial Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 671-5714
Hotline: (877) 715-1563
wcservice@qwest.net
www.dvsas.org

Clarkston

Rogers Counseling Center
900 7th Street
Clarkston, WA 99403
(509) 758-3341
Hotline: (800)932-0932
gpryce@rogerscounseling.org
www.rogerscounseling.org

Eastsound

**DV/SA Services of the San Juan
Islands**
PO Box 1516
Eastsound, WA 98245
(360) 376-5979
Hotline: (360) 376-1234
dvsassanjuan@rockisland.com
www.dvsassanjuans.org

Kelso

Emergency Support Shelter
PO Box 877
Kelso, WA 98626
(360) 425-1176
Hotline: (360) 636-8471
sherriet@cascadenetworks.net

Newport

Family Crisis Network
PO Box 944
Newport, WA 99156
(509) 447-2274
Hotline: (509) 447-5483
cody@pofcn.org

Bingen

**Klickitat Skamania
Development Council -
Programs for Peaceful Living**
1250 E Steuben St
Bingen, WA 98605
(509) 493-1533
Hotline: (800) 866-9373
lisapfpl@gorge.net

Colville

**Rural Resources Community
Action - Family Support Center**
956 South Main Street
Colville, WA 99114
(509) 684-3796
Hotline: (509) 684-6139
nfoll@ruralresources.org
www.ruralresources.org

Ellensburg

**Center Washington
Comprehensive Mental Health -
(ASPEN)**
220 West 4th Avenue
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 925-9384
Hotline: (866) 925-9384
ccathcart@cwcmh.org

Kennewick

Sexual Assault Response Center
830 N Columbia Ctr Blvd, #H
Kennewick, WA 99336
(509) 374-5391
sarced@verizon.net
www.sexualassaultresponsecenter.com

Olympia

**Safeplace Rape Relief and
Women's Shelter Services**
314 Legion Way SE
Olympia, WA 98501
(360) 786-8754
Hotline: (360) 754-6300
safeplace@safeplympia.org
www.safeplympia.org

Community Sexual Assault Programs in Washington State 2005 - 2006

Omak

The Support Center
PO Box 3639
Omak, WA 98841
(509) 826-3221
Hotline: (888) 826-3221
supportcenter@ncidata.com

Port Angeles

Healthy Families of Clallam County
111 East 3rd Street, #1-d
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(360) 452-3811
Hotline: (360) 452-4357
healsam2@olypen.com
www.healthyfam.org

Port Orchard

Kitsap Sexual Assault Center
PO Box 1936
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(360) 479-1788
Hotline: (360) 479-8500
ksac@wavecable.com

Port Townsend

DV/ SA Programs of Jefferson County
PO Box 743
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360) 385-5291
Hotline: (360) 385-5291
dvsa@dvsajeffco.org

Pullman

Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
PO Box 37
Pullman, WA 99163
(509) 332-0552
Hotline: (509) 332-4357
atvp@turbonet.com
www.atvp.org

Renton

King County Sexual Assault Resource Center
PO Box 300
Renton, WA 98057
(425) 226-5062
Hotline: (888) 998-6423
mstone@kcsarc.org
www.kcsarc.org

Republic

Ferry County Community Services - Connections
42 Klondike Road
Republic, WA 99166
(509) 775-3331
Hotline: (509) 775-3132
dvsa@fccs1.org

Seattle

Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services
4738 11th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105
(206) 726-0093 TDD
Hotline: (206) 236-3134 TDD
adwas@adwas.org
www.adwas.org

Seattle

Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress
325 9th Avenue, MS 359947
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 521-1800
Hotline: (206) 521-1800
lmerchan@u.washington.edu
www.hcsats.org

Shelton

Center for Advocacy & Personal Development
PO Box E
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 426-5430
Hotline: (360) 490-5228
sacapd@hctc.com

Shelton

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency
3104 SE Old Olympic Hwy
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 426-3990
Hotline: (360) 490-5713
tiam@spipa.org
www.spipa.org

South Bend

Crisis Support Network
PO Box 48
South Bend, WA 98586
(360)484-7191
Hotline: (800) 435-7276
csn3@centurytel.net

Spokane

Sexual Assault & Family Trauma Response Center
210 West Sprague Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 747-8224
Hotline: (509) 624-7273
mcilley@lcsnw.org
www.lcsnw.org/spokane

Stevenson

Skamania County Council on DV/SA
PO Box 477
Stevenson, WA 98648
(509) 427-4210
Hotline: (877) 427-4210
sccdvsaa@gorge.net

Sunnyside

Lower Valley Crisis & Support Services
PO Box 93
Sunnyside, WA 98944
(509) 837-6689
Hotline: (509) 837-6689
lvcss@bentonrea.com

Tacoma

Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County
633 North Mildred Street, #J
Tacoma, WA 98406
(253) 597-6424
Hotline: (253) 474-7273
carolee@sexualassaultcenter.com
www.sexualassaultcenter.com

Vancouver

YWCA of Clark County - Sexual Assault Program
3609 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98663
(360) 696-0167
Hotline: (360) 695-0501
jrenner@ywcaclarkcounty.org
www.ywcaclarkcounty.org

Walla Walla

YWCA of Walla Walla
213 South 1st Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 525-2570
Hotline: (509) 529-9922
ywca@bmi.net
www.ywcaww.org

Wenatchee

Domestic & Sexual Violence Crisis Center
PO Box 2704
Wenatchee, WA 98807
(509) 663-7446
(800) 888-6388
dvscrisis@nwi.net
www.findsafety.org

Yakima

Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health - Yakima SAP
PO Box 959
Yakima, WA 98907
(509) 576-4326
Hotline: (888) 605-6999
kfoley@cwcmh.org
www.cwcmh.org