

NO CONTACT ORDERS: HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

Orders prohibiting contact between a victim of abuse and a spouse, partner, boyfriend, family member, dating partner, stalker, or someone who has sexually abused a victim can be issued in several different types of cases. This chart will explain the different kinds of orders.

Type of Order	Who issues it?	Who enforces it?	How long does it last?	What do I do if the condition is violated?	How do I find out what the conditions of the order are?
Protection from Abuse	Judge	Police	Permanent ¹ : up to 2 yrs. unless extended	Call Police	Obtain copy at Court Clerk's Office
Divorce or Parental Rights	Judge	You do- with a motion for contempt or to enforce	There is no expiration, but it can be modified	Call your lawyer, or file motion for contempt/to modify	Obtain copy from your lawyer, or Court Clerk's Office
Bail Condition	Bail Commissioner or Judge	Police	Usually only from arrest to trial, or until case is dismissed	Call Police	Obtain information from Court Clerk's Office or Jail
Probation Condition	Judge	Probation Officer	Length of probation unless changed	Call Police or Probation Officer	Contact Probation Officer or Victim-Witness Assistant, DA's Office

¹ A temporary protection order lasts until some action is taken at the court hearing for the permanent order. The temporary order may be continued, dismissed, or replaced with a permanent order. If a permanent order is issued, the temporary order remains in effect until the permanent order is served.

