

<p>An Emergency Protection Order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is granted by the court and enforced by the police • can prevent a family member from contacting you and other family members • can stop a family member from coming to your home, school, work or other places • is only given in situations of family violence; all other situations require a restraining order • may give rights of possession to family home and personal property • EPO can be tailored to your needs so ask for what you want <p>Will the person know if I applied for an EPO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you first apply the other person will not know; however, an EPO is not enforceable until a copy of it is given to your partner (served by a third party), so that he or she knows what rules to follow • A review hearing follows so the other person can respond 	<p>The Provincial Court grants an Emergency Protection Order (EPO) when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • violent or threatening behaviour occurs between family members • there is evidence that immediate protection is necessary • family violence will resume or continue • reviewed by the court within 9 days <p>An EPO can be used with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family members • Common-Law Partner • Economic and domestic relationship
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There are 2 ways you can apply:

1. Call the local police or the nearest RCMP detachment and tell them you need an Emergency Protection Order
2. You can request for a free lawyer from legal aid to help you get an Emergency Protection Order. To do this contact:
 - Call Legal Aid's Emergency Protection Order Program at: 1-866-845-3425
 - Edmonton and area: Call the Edmonton Protection Order Program (EPOP) at (780) 422-9222.
 - Calgary and area: Call the Calgary Protection Order Program (CPOP) at (403) 297-5260.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Support and Information</u></p> <p>Victim Services Alberta: 780-427-3460 CCASA (Calgary Communities Against Sexual Family and Violence Info Line: 310-1818 (available 24/7 in over 170 languages) Victim Assistance Support Team (VAST) 403-428-8398 or 1-888-327-7828 (Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri-8 am-4pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Legal Advice</u></p> <p>Calgary Legal Guidance: 403-234-9266 Legal Aid Alberta: 1-866-845-3425 Lawyer Referral: 1-800-661-1095 <i>(For further free advice in all matters of law. Referred to 3 lawyers for half hour telephone consult each).</i></p>
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Restraining orders are for situations where there is not an immediate emergency or crisis related to safety. However, a Restraining Order is made against any person who has made you afraid for your safety through actions such as:

- personal injury, property damage, or intimidation
- failure to provide food, shelter, or medical attention
- threats that cause reasonable fear of injury or property damage
- forced confinement – for example: being locked in a room with no way out
- forced sexual contact
- stalking or harassment – for example: non-stop phone calls, emails, or text messages

How do you apply for a restraining order?

It is recommended to hire a lawyer to help. If you cannot afford a lawyer you can contact Legal Aid at: **1-866-845-3425**

If want to *self represent* then start by contacting the following;

- Resolution and Court Services (visit www.rcas.alberta.ca or call 1-855-738-4747) to find out which court forms you need to fill out and file for your situation.
- You can visit the Alberta government website for specific steps. : <https://www.alberta.ca/get-a-restraining-order.aspx>

Other places that can provide legal advice/support:

<p>Calgary Legal Guidance Clg.ab.ca 403-234-9266 clg@clg.ab.ca 100, 840 7 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2P 3G2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can provide legal advice on restraining orders 	<p>Drop-in Centre Legal Advocate Demi Sintihakis Mobile: 587-888-4546 demis@thedi.ca</p> <p>Can help explain the process of getting a restraining/emergency order and also accompany you to the courthouse</p>
<p>Victim Services (for those within Tsuu’Tina) Francis Starlight 403-238-5649</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can help with advocacy especially with concerns with Domestic violence and the RCMP 	