

## Order of Protection Process

### Daley Center Courthouse

50 W. Washington St.

Chicago, IL. 60602

- Arrival
  - Enter through the main doors and proceed through the security checkpoint.
  - Go to the elevators, and up to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor office 802.
- Who to talk to?
  - Speak to an employee in the “Domestic Relations Department.”
    - The staff member will assist you with identifying what type of Order of Protection that is needed.
      - There are 5 types of protective orders offered at the Daley Center Courthouse. **Please Note:** you can only petition for an Order of Protection at the Daily Center if you already have a family court case pending.
        - Emergency (domestic relations)
        - Criminal
        - Civil
        - No Stalking
        - No Contact
          - Please Note: Emergency and Civil Orders of Protections can also be filed via the internet (E-File). For best assistance with completing petitions for Orders of Protection by E-Filing, please contact The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline.
            - Phone: (877) 863-6338
          - There are no Domestic Violence Advocates available in this courthouse (Please contact the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: (877) 863-6338 to be connected to a Domestic Violence Agency near you.)
- Important information
  - The hours to file for an Order of Protection begin at 8:30am until 4:30 p.m.

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- To be heard by the judge the petition packet must be completed prior to 4:30 p.m.

**Emergency after-hours Order of Protection instructions**

- For Order of Protection packets that are not able to be completed in person at one of the courthouse locations by 4:00 p.m., you will still be able to complete an emergency after-hours Order of Protection by visiting the Circuit Court of Cook County website. For assistance, please call the Domestic Violence Hotline. The Domestic Violence Hotline will provide instructions on how to complete the packet to utilize the after-hours emergency Order of Protection and will help you identify which Civil Order of Protection packet you will need to complete.
  - The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline contact information:
    - Phone: (877) 863-6338
- Click here to visit: [Circuit Court of Cook County \(Domestic Violence Division\)](#)
  - This will allow you to utilize the after-hours remote emergency Order of Protection service. (Hearings are available from 9 p.m. – 3 a.m. Mon - Fri and Weekends 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.).
- Please note: By calling The Illinois Domestic Violence hotline you will be able to get connected to an advocate. The advocate will be able to then assist you with any additional questions that you may have.