

Types of Protective Orders in Vermont

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| <p>Relief From Abuse (RFA) 15 VSA § 1101 et seq.</p> | <p>A family or household member has abused you or your children.</p> <p>Abuse includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tried to cause harm • Caused physical harm • Made you afraid of imminent physical harm • Child abuse • Stalking • Sexual assault <p>You can ask for an order for yourself and your minor child, or for an order just on behalf of your minor child.</p> <p>Anyone 16 or older can file a request on their own behalf.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No abuse • Stay away • No contact • No firearms • No stalking or sexual assault • Vacate residence • Stay away from residence • Custody of children • No cruel treatment of children or pets • Possession of personal property | <p>The request can be filed at any time, including nights, weekends, and holidays.</p> <p>Call 800-540-9990 for help with an emergency request after court business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).</p> <p>The request is filed with the Family Division of the Superior Court.</p> |
| <p>Order Against Stalking 12 VSA § 5131 et seq.</p> | <p>Someone other than a family or household member has stalked you or your children.</p> <p>Stalking is when a person follows, monitors, surveils, threatens you or another person, or interferes with your property at least two times.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay away • No contact | <p>The request can be filed during court business hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.</p> <p>The request is filed with the Civil Division of the Superior Court.</p> |

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| | <p>The behavior must make you afraid for your safety or the safety of a family member, or cause you substantial emotional distress. Stalking can include phone calls, mail, email, social media comments, faxes, and written notes.</p> <p>You can ask for an order for yourself, or for an order on behalf of your minor child. Anyone 16 or older can file a request on their own behalf.</p> | | |
| <p>Order Against Sexual Assault 12 VSA § 5131 et seq.</p> | <p>Someone other than a family or household member has sexually assaulted you or your children.</p> <p>Sexual assault includes these criminal acts, and the person asking for protection was the victim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewd and lascivious conduct • Lewd and lascivious conduct with a child • Sexual assault • Aggravated sexual assault • Using a child in sexual performance • Consenting to a sexual performance by a child <p>You can ask for an order for yourself, or for an order on behalf of your minor child. Anyone 16 or older can file a request on their own behalf.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay away • No contact | <p>The request only be filed during court business hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.</p> <p>The request is filed with the Civil Division of the Superior Court.</p> |

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| <p>Relief From Abuse (RFA) for Vulnerable Adult 33 VSA § 6931 et seq.</p> | <p>You believe a vulnerable adult is being abused, neglected or exploited, or you are a vulnerable adult who is being abused, neglected or exploited.</p> <p>See the Relief from Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult web page for definitions of vulnerable adult, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No abuse, neglect or exploitation • Stay away • No contact • No threatening, assaulting, molesting, or interfering with personal liberty • No firearms • Vacate household • Stay away from residence • No following | <p>The request can be filed at any time, including nights, weekends, and holidays.</p> <p>Call 800-540-9990 for help with an emergency request after court business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).</p> <p>The request is filed with the Family Division of the Superior Court.</p> |
| <p>Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) 13 VSA 4051 et seq.</p> | <p>You believe a family or household member poses an imminent and extreme risk of harming themselves or others.</p> | <p>Temporarily prohibits them from buying, having, or receiving firearms or explosives.</p> | <p>The request can be filed at any time, including nights, weekends, and holidays.</p> <p>Call 800-540-9990 for help with an emergency request after court business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).</p> <p>The request is filed with the Family Division of the Superior Court.</p> |