

How to get a JCPO

Step #1: You can complete the petition on your own, with an attorney, or with the assistance of the Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney's Office VICTIM SERVICES UNIT.

To make an appointment or for attorney referrals, please call the
**VICTIM SERVICES UNIT at
740.833.2710**

Step #2: The petition is filed with the Juvenile Court. A hearing is held to determine whether an ex-parte (emergency) order should be issued. This hearing will be held prior to the end of the next court date following the filing.

Step #3: After the ex-parte hearing the person the petition was filed against will be served with the ex-parte order (as issued), a copy of the petition and paperwork filed, and notice of the full hearing date.

Step #4: The full hearing is held 7-10 court days following the initial filing. You must be present. The person the petition was filed against is not required to appear and the hearing may proceed without his or her being present.



The hearing may be continued if he or she was not served with the JCPO paperwork.

Step #5: The JCPO may be granted after the full hearing. It will be in effect until a date certain, but not beyond the date of the CPO paperwork.

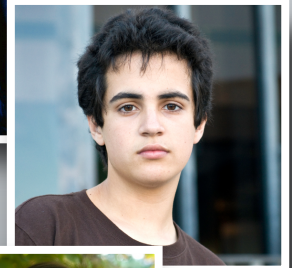
Preparing for Court

- Arrive on time
- Dress appropriately. No tank tops, flip flops, low-cut shirts, short skirts or shorts.
- Unless small children will be testifying at the hearing, do not bring them to court. If you have a child care issue, talk to your advocate for help.
- Turn off cell phones.
- If you have any police reports, medical records, photos, or other evidence, it may be helpful to bring it with you to both hearings.

**National Teen Dating Abuse
Helpline: 866.334.9474**

**Sexual Assault Response
Network: 800.864.2324**

**National Center for Victims of
Crime Stalking Resource
Helpline: 800.FYI.CALL**



Juvenile Civil Protection Order Information

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What is a Juvenile Civil Protection Order?

A JCPO is an order issued by Juvenile Court, a division of Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, intended to protect victims of certain crimes committed by a juvenile. These crimes include:

- Domestic or Dating Violence
- Assault, Aggravated Assault, and Felonious Assault
- Menacing, Aggravated Menacing, and Menacing by Stalking
- Aggravated Trespass
- Sexually Oriented Offenses

It can provide relief from a dangerous situation whether or not a criminal charge is pursued.

It is important to consider the following...

You may be eligible for a JCPO if you or a child you are filing on behalf of has been a victim of family or dating violence, threats that cause fear of physical harm or severe mental distress; assault; or sexual assault by someone under the age of 18.

A JCPO is not for situations that do not present a danger to you. A JCPO is a serious legal action that may have criminal consequences. It is inappropriate for a situation that is better managed by other intervention (e.g. name calling, non-threatening harassment, etc.). If this is your situation, you are welcome to contact the VICTIM SERVICES UNIT for problem solving and advocacy. You are also welcome to contact the unit if you are unsure and want to discuss your options.

- It is strongly suggested you meet with an attorney or an advocate before filing so paperwork is completed correctly. A victim advocate is a support person, and is not an attorney. He or she cannot give legal advice, but can help you navigate the process. You have the right to be accompanied by an advocate for all court proceedings.
- Whether or not an order will be granted is at the Court's discretion.
- The respondent (juvenile) and his or her parents/guardians will be served even if the order is not granted on an emergency basis.
- Your parents may be notified if the Court feels this is appropriate.
- You may be ordered to follow certain terms of the order as well.
- What you write in the petition is available to the respondent.
- The respondent may be appointed an attorney by the Court, while you will not. If this is the case, you may want to retain counsel on your own. The VICTIM SERVICES UNIT may be able to help you find an attorney through Victims of Crime Compensation, which can help with costs.

- Violation of a JCPO can be a criminal offense, even if the respondent has your permission to violate it.
- A JCPO cannot guarantee your safety, and you will still need to take extra precautions.

A JCPO can order someone to not:

- Harm, attempt to harm, threaten, follow, stalk, harass, force sexual relations upon, or commit sexually oriented offenses against you.
- Have contact with you
- Remove, hide, or damage your property or pets
- Own, use, carry, or obtain weapons
- Use alcohol or drugs

Additionally, the Court is able to order other relief it deems necessary, such as having the juvenile stay away from you, removing the juvenile from a residence, surrendering certain property, and even monitoring the juvenile electronically.