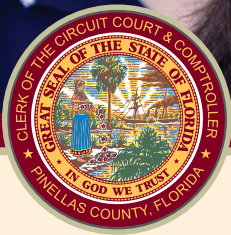
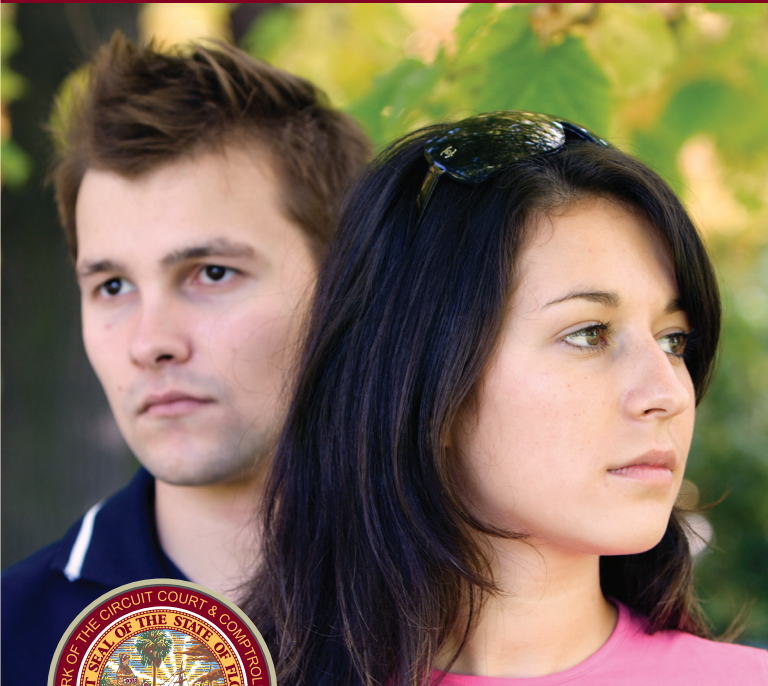


INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION

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An Injunction for Protection, commonly referred to as a restraining order, is a Civil Court Order that places restrictions on a person who has allegedly committed acts or made threats of violence against another person, as defined in Florida Statutes.

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PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

An Injunction May Be Filed For Protection From:

Domestic Violence (F. S. 741): violence or stalking (or believing that you are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of violence or stalking) between spouses, former spouses, persons who have resided together as a family, or persons who have a child in common.

Dating Violence (F.S. 784): violence or stalking (or believing that you are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of violence or stalking) between individuals who have been dating within the past six months on a continuous basis and have had an expectation of affection or sexual involvement.

Repeat Violence (F.S. 784): two acts of violence or stalking on two separate occasions, one of which must have been within the past six months.

Sexual Violence (F.S. 784): any one incident of (a) sexual battery (F.S. 794), (b) a lewd or lascivious act committed upon or in the presence of a person younger than 16 (F.S. 800), (c) luring or enticing a child (F.S. 787), (d) sexual performance by a child (F.S. 827), or (e) any other forcible felony wherein a sexual act is committed or attempted and the petitioner has either reported the incident to law enforcement and is cooperating in criminal proceedings, or the abuser was sentenced to prison and has been or is due to be released within 90 days.

Stalking Violence (F.S. 784): means someone is purposely following or harassing you repeatedly over a period of time for no legitimate purpose, causing you emotional stress. If in doing so, he/she threatens your life or threatens to harm you, with the intent to cause you reasonable fear for your safety, then the act becomes aggravated.

Filing A Petition

- Filing for protection is free.
- You may file a petition in the county where you currently or temporarily reside, where the abuser resides, or where the violence occurred.
- You must provide the first and last name and address of the person you are filing against. If you are a minor (under age 18) your parent or your legal guardian must file on your behalf. To file against a minor, that minor's parent or legal guardian's first and last name must be provided.
- A petition may be filed at the following Pinellas County Clerk's office locations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday*, excluding county holidays:

Clearwater Courthouse Civil Court Records

315 Court Street, Room 170
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 464-7000

Pinellas County Justice Center

14250 49th Street North, 2nd Floor
Clearwater, FL 33762
(727) 464-7000

St. Petersburg Branch Office

545 First Avenue North, Room 101
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 464-7000

**After 4 p.m. contact local law enforcement, CASA or The Haven (phone numbers on back).*

Your petition will be taken to a judge for review and a hearing may be scheduled for you.

FOR LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

The Domestic Violence Centers listed below provide emergency housing, counseling, child care and other services.

CASA (St. Petersburg)

(727) 895-4912/TTY (727) 828-1269

The Haven of RCS (Clearwater)

(727) 442-4128/TTY (727) 223-4946

IMPORTANT LOCAL (727) TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Clerk's 24 HOUR Abuse Hotline

(727) 464-4933

LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM'S ADVOCATES:

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

(727) 582-6259

St. Petersburg

(727) 893-7265 or

(727) 893-7780

Pinellas Park

(727) 541-0766

Clearwater

(727) 562-4350

Largo

(727) 587-6770

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Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to use the services provided should call (727) 464-4062 (TDD or Voice). Call 24 hours prior to coming to the courthouse.

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