

No-Contact Orders and Civil Protection Orders

No-Contact Orders

A No-Contact Order is an automatic bond condition ordered by a judge in violent crime cases. The majority of domestic violence, sex assault, and stalking cases have this condition imposed upon the person charged preventing him or her from contacting the victim(s) in the case. This order may include children that were involved, and is put in place for victim protection.

A No-Contact Order means that a defendant is not to call, email, text, write, have a third party contact, or themselves physically contact the victim or any other party named in the order. A No-Contact Order is in effect until the sentence imposed by a judge is completed.

A victim can request that the order be modified. Modification requests must be approved by the district attorney assigned to the case and the judge overseeing the case. On average, a modification decision takes between seven to eleven days. For recorded information on modifications in Boulder County, call 303-441-3775. The message references domestic violence cases, but the information applies to all No-Contact Orders.

Civil Protection Orders

A Civil Protection Order may be sought when a person feels in danger; whether or not a No Contact Order is in place and regardless whether or not a crime has been committed.

Obtaining a Civil Protection Orders involves two court hearings. Prior to the initial hearing the petitioner (person seeking the order) completes the forms which are available free at www.courts.state.co.us/Self-Help/protectionorders or for a small fee at Clerk of the Court Offices. If you intend to ask for temporary care and control, interim decision-making, or parenting time for a child or a protection order for the benefit of any minor child, you must complete a separate form (JDF 404) for the child. If a minor is asking for a protection order, the guardian will fill out JDF 402 on behalf of the minor.

During the first hearing the person petitioning for the order appears before a judge. The judge determines whether or not there is cause to grant a Temporary Protection Order (TPO). If the TPO is granted, the judge sets a hearing time and date (usually two weeks out) for the petitioner and respondent (person from whom protection is sought) to both appear in court.

Once the TPO has been granted, it is the petitioner's responsibility to get it served to the person from whom protection is sought (respondent). Service can be done through the Sheriff's Office in the jurisdiction where the respondent lives, by a process server, or by a person age 18 years or older unaffiliated with the case.

At the second court hearing, the respondent has the opportunity to present his or her side of the case. A judge considers this information and determines whether or not to make the TPO a Permanent Protection Order (PPO). If the respondent fails to appear in court, the Temporary Protection Order is converted to a Permanent Protection Order. If the petitioner fails to appear at the court hearing, the Temporary Protection Order is dropped.

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***Court Locations
Civil Protection Order Assistance***

Boulder County -- Boulder

Clerk of the Court (Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm)
Boulder County Justice Center
1777 6th St, Boulder 80302
303-441-3750

Safehouse advocates are available in the Client/Lawyer Conference Room 7 on the first floor of the Justice Center. Hours are Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Domestic violence cases take priority though protection order assistance is available to anyone. Call 303-444-2424 for more information.

Boulder County -- Longmont

Clerk of the Court ((Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm)
1035 Kimbark St, Longmont 80501
720-564-2522

Safeshelter advocates are available in at the courthouse on Mon and Wed from 8am-noon and on Fri from noon-4pm. Anyone is welcome. Advocacy is also available by phone. Call 303-772-4422 for more information.

Weld County -- Greeley

Clerk of the Court (Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm)
Weld County Centennial Center
915 10th St, Greeley 80631
970-475-2400

Assistance is available to anyone at the Court Information Center at the address above. Hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00am-4:30pm and Wed by appointment. A Woman's Place offers assistance by phone in domestic violence cases. Call 970-356-4226 for more information.