

# PREPARE AND SUBMIT YOUR PETITION FOR PROTECTION ORDER

Persons seeking a protection order can fill out the paperwork and file it with the Clerk's Office online. WashingtonLawHelp.org has links to forms and an online interview to assist you in completing the required forms. There is no charge to commence a civil petition for any type of protection other than anti-harassment. If an anti-harassment petition is requested, a fee of \$53 is required.

**Safe SanJuans** is our local domestic violence partner and are happy to assist people in need:

On San Juan Island: Crisis Line – 378-2345

Office: 378-8680

On Orcas Island: Crisis Line – 376-1234

Office 376-5979

On Lopez Island: Crisis Line – 468-4567

Office – 468-3788

For the online interview:

<https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/protection-order-forms-online>

If you are unable to submit a petition for protection order online, you can print out and complete the appropriate forms and bring them to our office. A forms packet is available in the Clerks Office at **NO CHARGE**. Please call or visit the office at:

San Juan County Clerk  
350 Court Street, Suite 214  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250  
(360) 378-2163

**Petitions are accepted 24 hours a day by email submission to  
EFileSJCclerk@sanjuanco.com**

## Civil Protection Orders

Washington State law allows a person (called the Petitioner) to file a civil case asking the court to grant an order to protect them from another person (called the Respondent) whose behavior is abusive, threatening, exploitative, or harassing. Washington State law on civil protection orders can be found here: [RCW 7.105](#).

A single petition is used when filing for a protection order that includes the following types of requests:

- domestic violence protection order,
- anti-harassment protection order,

- sexual assault protection order,
- stalking,
- and vulnerable adult protection order.

A separate petition is used for extreme risk protection orders - **which are primarily filed by law enforcement** but can be filed by an intimate partner, family, or household member. An extreme risk protection order does not protect an individual but rather protects society.

Petitioners choose which type of protection order is most appropriate for them to file. However, protection orders do not cover everyone's needs; there may be other legal remedies that are appropriate.

Links to helpful sites:

- [Safety Planning and help with forms](#)
- [Washington State VINELink](#)
- [Read the state law: Revised Code of Washington](#)