

# Application for a Domestic Violence Order

Domestic Violence Act 2018  
District Court



## About this Form

This form is used to make an application to the District Court for a Domestic Violence Order.

- **Domestic violence** includes, but is not limited to, any act or threat of physical, sexual, or emotional violence, or coercive control that impacts on your safety or welfare (including your psychological welfare) or the safety or welfare of any dependent children.

**This is also often referred to as domestic abuse.** Domestic violence also includes acts and threats of a financial or digital nature.

There are **five sections** of this form:

### Section A

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Application for an Interim Order

## More Information

For more information on making an application for a Domestic Violence order visit [courts.ie](https://courts.ie)

You should consider getting **legal advice** to get a better understanding of what is involved. **Domestic violence support services** are also available.



Scan the QR code for more info about Family Law, or visit [courts.ie](https://courts.ie)

The Legal Aid Board is a public body that provides legal and mediation services. To learn more visit [legalaidthboard.ie](https://legalaidthboard.ie)

## Office Completion Only

Case Number

District Court Area

District No.

Court Office Stamp

## Section A Party Details

In this section please provide all applicant and respondent details



### Applicant Details

Details of the person making the application

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town / City

County

Country

Eircode / Postcode

Email Address (Optional)

Contact Number (Optional)

Please provide the name of your local Garda station

### Applicant Solicitor Details (leave blank if not applicable)

First Name

Last Name

Name of Legal Firm

Contact Number

Address Line 1

Town / City

Address Line 2

Eircode / Postcode

## Section A Party Details

In this section please provide all applicant and respondent details



### Respondent Details

Details of the person who this application is being made against

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) (Optional)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town / City

County

Country

Eircode / Postcode

## Section B

# Dependent Child Details (if applicable)

In this section, please provide dependent details



Domestic Violence orders can also protect dependent children. If you want to apply for protection for a dependent child, please provide their details below.

### Dependent Child 1

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

### Dependent Child 2

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

### Dependent Child 3

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

### Dependent Child 4

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)



If there are more than four children, please use the '**Additional Children**' form available on [courts.ie](https://courts.ie)

## Section C

# Domestic Violence Order Sought

In this section, select the domestic violence orders you are asking the court to consider



The Court can make Domestic Violence orders to protect your safety or welfare, and/or the safety or welfare of any dependent children.

- A **Barring Order** directs the respondent to leave, or not enter, your home. It may also direct the respondent not to use, or threaten to use, violence against you or your children, and not to follow or communicate with you or your children. A Barring Order granted by the District Court can last for up to 3 years.
- A **Safety Order** may direct the respondent not to use, or threaten to use, violence against you or your children, and not to follow or communicate with you or your children. If the respondent is living with you, it does not order them to leave the home. If the respondent is not living with you, it may direct them not to 'watch or beset' your home. A Safety Order granted by the District Court can last for up to 5 years.

Please tick the relevant boxes below to indicate the orders you wish to apply for. You can select more than one type of Domestic Violence Order, however **you can only select orders for one relationship type**.

Relationship to the respondent		Safety Order	Barring Order
The respondent is	My Spouse		
	My Civil Partner		
	A person I live with, or lived with, in an intimate relationship		*
	A person I was in an intimate relationship with but didn't live with		Not eligible
	My adult child (who is over 18 and not a dependent)		*
	The other parent of my child		Not eligible
	Another adult who I live with (in a 'non-contractual' relationship)		Not eligible

\*Applicant must have a legal or beneficial interest in the property that is equal to, or greater than, the Respondent

Safety Order — Section 6 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018

Barring Order — Section 7 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018

## Section D

# Other Application Details

In this section, please provide details of relevant ongoing or previous court applications



Have other family law applications previously been made to this court or any other court about this relationship?

Yes

No

I don't know

If yes, please provide the following information

Case Number (if known)

- What were the previous applications in relation to?
- In which town or city were the applications made?
- When were the applications made?

## Signature

Signed by:

Applicant

Applicant's Legal Practitioner

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

## Section E

# Application for an Interim Order

You are only to complete this section of the form if you want to apply for an interim domestic violence order



### Interim Domestic Violence Orders Sought

You must complete this section if you also want to apply for an **Interim Domestic Violence Order**. An Interim Domestic Violence Order is an order the court can make to provide you, and any dependent children, with **immediate protection** while you wait for your Safety Order or Barring Order application to be heard by the court. There are two types of Interim Domestic Violence Order; a Protection Order, and an Interim Barring Order.

- A **Protection Order** can offer the same protections as a Safety Order.
- An **Interim Barring Order** can offer the same protections as a Barring Order for a maximum of 8 working days if there is an immediate risk of significant harm to you, or a dependent child.

The Interim Domestic Violence Orders that you can apply for are directly linked to the Domestic Violence Orders you have applied for in **Section C** of this form.



- If you have only applied for a Safety Order in Section C, you can only apply for a Protection Order below.
- If you have applied for a Barring Order, or a Barring Order and a Safety Order in Section C, you can apply for an Interim Barring Order and/or a Protection Order below.

Please tick the relevant boxes below to **indicate the order(s)** you wish to apply for.

#### Protection Order

(Section 10 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018)

#### Interim Barring Order

(Section 8 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018)



## Information

**Give a brief history of the reasons you are seeking a Domestic Violence order:**

- Provide details of the most recent incidents including exact dates.
- Explain what actions/behaviours occurred that have caused you to apply for this order.
- If you or your children are at risk of significant harm, please outline how they are at risk.
- Provide a brief outline of your relationship to the respondent (length of time, number of children, etc...).



Please note that if this order is granted, the respondent will receive a copy of the information you provide.

**Important:** Please ensure your text fits within the box and is fully visible when printed





## Information (continued)

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## Signature



You will have to swear or affirm this information **before a judge of the District Court.**  
You should only sign this section of the form when told to do so.

Applicant Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Judge's Signature

Sworn before me on  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Office Completion Only - Case Number: