

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

ⓘ Please note that this form is only to be used if you are making your application in the Dublin Metropolitan District (Dublin District Court Family Law Office only) or in Cork City (District No. 19).

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

### Section A

Party Details

### Section B

Dependent Details

### Section C

Domestic Violence Order Details

### Section D

Other Application Details

### Section E (if applicable)

Interim Order Details

## More Information

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

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/family-law](https://courts.ie/family-law)

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

## Office Completion Only

Case Number

Court Office Stamp

# Section A Party Details

In this section, please provide all applicant details



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## 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

Please provide the name of your local Garda station

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

First Name

Last Name

Name of Legal Firm

Contact Number

# Section A Party Details

In this section, please provide all respondent details



## Respondent Details

Details of the person receiving the application

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town / City

County

Country

Eircode / Postcode

## Section B Dependent 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 1

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

### Dependent 2

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

### Dependent 3

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

### Dependent 4

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

## Section C

# Domestic Violence Order Details



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

The Court can make Domestic Violence orders that take your safety, and the safety of any dependent children, into consideration.

- A **Barring Order** directs the respondent to leave, or not enter, your home. It may also direct the respondent to stop using, or threatening to use, violence against you, and to stop following or communicating with you. A Barring Order granted by the District Court can last for up to 3 years.
- A **Safety Order** may direct the respondent to stop using, or threatening to use, violence against you, and to stop following or communicating with you. 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 to stay away from 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 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 equal or greater legal or beneficial interest than the respondent in the property

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, you are to set out what type of domestic violence order(s) you are asking the court to consider

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

Applicant or Applicant Solicitor Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

## Section E Interim Order Details (if applicable)



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

### Interim Domestic Violence Orders Sought

You must only 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.

- A **Protection Order** can offer the same protections as a Safety Order. If you want to apply for a Protection Order, must also apply for a Barring Order or a Safety Order, or both, in Section C of this form.
- An **Interim Barring Order** can offer the same protections as a Barring Order for a maximum of 8 working days. If you want to apply for an Interim Barring Order, you must also apply for a Barring Order, or a Barring Order and a Safety Order in Section C of this form.

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		Protection Order	Interim 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 not a dependent)		*
	The other parent of my child		Not eligible
	Another adult who I live with (in a 'non-contractual' relationship)		Not eligible

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Protection Order – Section 10 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018

Interim Barring Order – Section 8 of the Domestic Violence Act 2018

# Interim Order Details



In this section, you should provide details as to why you are asking the court to consider the domestic violence orders

## Information

### Give a brief history of the violence in your relationship up to this point:

- Provide details of most recent incidents including exact dates
- Explain what actions/behaviours occurred that have caused you to apply for this order
- Outline if you (and your children where relevant) are at immediate risk of significant harm
- 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 this information provided.



# Interim Order Details

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## Information (continued)

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## Signature

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

Applicant's Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Judge's Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)