

Domestic Violence Injunction

You can file if you:

- Are a victim of domestic violence (e.g. physical violence, face to face threat to do bodily harm, or stalking); or
- Have a reasonable fear you are about to become the victim of domestic violence;

And if you:

- Are, or were, married to the other person; or
- Are living, or have lived with the other person as if a family; or
- Are related to the other person and have ever lived with them as if a family; or
- Have children with the other person.

Dating Violence Injunction

You can file if you:

- Are a victim of dating violence (e.g. physical violence, face to face threat to do bodily harm, or stalking); or
- Have a reasonable fear you will become a victim of dating violence;

And if you

- Have been regularly dating the other person sometime within the past 6 months; and
- Have never lived with the other person as if a family

Repeat Violence Injunction

You can file if:

- The other person has been physically violent to you on at least two separate occasions, or
- The other person has directly threatened you with physical violence on at least two separate occasions; or
- The other person has stalked you on at least two separate occasions. At least one of the incidents listed above must have occurred within six months of your request.

And if you:

- Have no blood or marital relationships to the other person.

Sexual Violation Injunction

You can file if you:

- Are victim of a sexual crime

And if you:

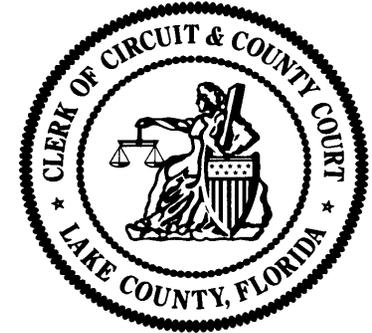
- Have reported the violence to Law Enforcement and are cooperating with that process, or
- Are the victim of sexual violence and the offender was sentenced to prison and is due to get out within 90 days following the filing date of your petition, and
- Have no blood or marital relationship to the person.

Stalking Injunction

You can file if you:

- Are a victim of stalking (e.g. a person has willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly followed, harassed, or cyberstalked you).

FILING FOR AN INJUNCTION



FOR PROTECTION

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Q. What is an Injunction for Protection?

A. An Injunction for Protection is a court order addressing one person's contact with another. It can prohibit all contact, allow only certain types of contacts, or simply require a person to obtain counseling. Only a Judge can issue (or modify) an Injunction.

Violating the express terms of an injunction is grounds for Law Enforcement to make an arrest.

Q. Where do I go to get one?

A. A petition for an injunction is a legal pleading filed with the Clerk of Court. You must complete the petition under oath, by making a short, plain statement of the facts showing that you are entitled to an injunction. An employee with the Clerk's office can assist you to select the correct form; however, they **CANNOT GIVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE**. If you are unable to complete the form, or have questions you should consult an attorney. Only a Judge can grant your request for an injunction and the decision can only be based upon what is written in your petition.

Q. Who can file for an Injunction for Protection?

A. **Anyone** who believes that they are the victim, or are about to become the victim, of one of the five types of violence described below, can file for an injunction. The request must be made under oath, subject to penalty for perjury.

Q. When can I file? How long does it take?

A. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. It usually takes two hours to complete the paperwork. Your request will be reviewed by a Judge as soon as possible. The earlier you file it, the more likely a Judge can review it the same day.

Q. What do I need to bring with me to file?

A. You will need to bring:

- Your photo identification (like a driver's license).
- The correct physical address where the person you are filing against lives and/or works.
- If you do not speak or write English, you will need to bring a friend to help you. All forms must be completed in English. An interpreter will **NOT** be provided for you for the filing process

Q. What happens when I file for an Injunction for Protection?

A. Your petition is brought to a Judge who will then make one of the following decisions:

- Grant a Temporary injunction lasting no longer than 15 days. It will be served on the Respondent by law enforcement along with a copy of your paperwork. The Injunction will require both you and the respondent to appear in Court in order to determine whether a longer Injunction should be imposed.
- Grant a hearing without entering a temporary injunction. The respondent is served a copy of your request, and both parties are required to appear in Court in order to determine whether an Injunction should be entered.
- Deny your request. No court hearing occurs, and nothing is delivered to the other party. However, your request is a public record available to be viewed by anyone.

Q. Which types of Injunction do I file?

A. There are five different types of Injunctions. See reverse side to determine which type you should file.