

Interim Protection Orders



Who can apply for a protection order?

Complainant

(Person being abused)

Child - Assisted or unassisted

If the complainant is a child, s/he can apply for a protection order on his/her own and does not have to be assisted by a parent or a guardian

Any person

who has an interest in the wellbeing and safety of the complainant can make an application on behalf of the complainant. If the complainant is older than 18 years of age, the written consent of the complainant is required to make an application on his/her behalf.

**Domestic
Violence Act
116 of 1998**

Application Procedure

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Application for a Protection Order.

Set out the facts

Complete an affidavit setting out the alleged abuse committed by the respondent. The affidavit must address the facts on which your application is based, the type of order is sought and any supporting documentation such as photos or medical certificates (in the case of physical violence).

Submit Application

Approach your nearest Magistrates Court. Once you have compiled the necessary documentation, take your application and supporting affidavit to the Magistrates Court nearest to where you live and work.

Take order to SAPS

If successful, an interim protection order will be granted. A warrant of arrest will automatically be issued with the interim protection order.

The court will hand you the warrant and interim protection order to take to your nearest police station. The police will then serve the order on the respondent personally.