



Provincial Court of British Columbia

If you fear violence or harm from another person, you may be able to get an order from the Provincial Court to protect yourself.

If you are concerned that you are in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police emergency number.

What is this order?

These orders are called "section 810 orders" because this is the section of the *Criminal Code* that authorizes them. They are also sometimes called peace bonds.

This order is a court order to help protect a person who fears violence. The order usually lists conditions (rules) the person named in it must follow. For example, they might be ordered not to have contact or communicate with the person who needs protection.

How to get an order

Contact the police to ask for this order under the *Criminal Code*. The police will take a report and give it to the Crown counsel's office. If the Crown agrees that the matter should proceed, there will be a court hearing. The judge who hears the case will decide whether to make an order.

After an order is made

These orders are filed in a Protection Order Registry that police have access to. It is an offence to violate these orders. These orders expire after one year, but can be renewed by a judge.

Other options

If you are seeking protection from a family member, you may be able to get a protection order against that family member under the *Family Law Act*.

[Family Law Act protection orders](#)

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