

After the TPO or CSI is Granted

A judge will review your Request for a Temporary Protective Order or Civil Stalking Injunction. If the temporary protective order is granted, a hearing will be scheduled within 20 days for the final protective order. The purpose of the court hearing is to determine if protection should be become extended for two years on the protective order. A hearing is not automatically scheduled for a civil stalking injunction. The perpetrator is served the order and is given notice that he/she has ten days to request a hearing. If they do not request a hearing the order automatically is extended for three years. If the perpetrator does request a hearing, you will be notified, but the Summit County Victim Assistance Office will not. You must call our office and let us know about the hearing if you want us to be in attendance.

Your TPO and CSI will not take effect until it is **served on the respondent**.

Keep in mind that the TPO or CSI does not guarantee your safety. Please take **proper precautions**.

Plan for Your Safety

A Temporary Protective Order (TPO), or Civil Stalking Injunction (CSI), cannot guarantee your safety. Plan very carefully for your safety and the safety of your loved ones.

Here are some safety tips:

- Keep a copy of your order with you at all times. Leave a copy of the order at your children's school, with protected persons, and with security at work.
- Teach your children their name, address, phone number, the phone number of a friend/relative and how to dial 911 in case they are kidnapped by your abuser.
- Tell everyone you know that you have a TPO or CSI (your employer, church leader, friends, family and baby-sitter, etc.). Ask them to call the police if they see your abuser near your home, your children, or any other protected individuals.
- Make sure everyone who watches your children is informed of who is authorized to pick up your children.
- Inform your baby-sitters of your situation. They have the right to know so they will be better prepared to protect the children in their care.
- Change the locks on your doors and windows as soon as possible. Replace wooden doors with steel doors.
- Install security systems if possible. Purchase additional locks, window bars, poles to wedge against doors.
- Install smoke detectors and keep fire extinguishers on every floor. You never know what your abuser might do.
- Install extra outside lighting -- include motion-activated lighting.
- Plan and practice an escape route with your children.
- Ask your phone company for an unlisted number. Sometimes this is free.
- Change your cell phone numbers.

- Change your email address.

Important Phone Numbers

Get more details about protecting yourself. Call these organizations:

Domestic Violence Hotline. They can help you find emergency housing, medical care, and support and advocacy for you and your children. Call toll-free: 800-897-5465.

Summit County Victim Assistance Program: (435) 615-3850/pager (434) 658-8662.

The Peace House: (435) 647-9161.