Protective Order Eligibility

Use this chart to help decide whether your situation meets the criteria for a protective order.



Has someone:

- physically injured or assaulted you?
- sexually abused or assaulted you?
- threatened to physically injure or assault you?
- stalked you?
- done something to place you in fear of being injured, assaulted, or abused?

Is It Stalking?

If someone is repeatedly attempting to intimidate, harass, annoy, or alarm you through unwanted contact, it might be Harassing Communications (KRS 525.080). While harassing communication may be a crime, it is not covered by interpersonal protective orders (IPOs). You may want to consult an attorney or a domestic violence advocate before filing for a protective order.

If someone is repeatedly making unwanted contact, following or monitoring you, making implicit or explicit threats, interfering in your professional or social life, and is causing you fear for your safety or the safety of someone else, it may be stalking.

Consult an attorney about your options.

Contact the police and file a report.

NO Do you have a police report of an incident?

NO

You may be eligible to file a criminal complaint. Contact the Fayette County Attorney's Office at 859-254-4941.

Is this person:

- Your current or former spouse
- Someone with whom <u>you</u> have a child in common?
- Your current or past dating partner with whom you had a romantic relationship?
- Your parent, child, stepchild, grandparent, or grandchild?
- Someone living in the same house as a child if the child is the alleged victim?
- Someone who sexually assaulted you?
- Someone who is stalking you?

What is the relationship?

NO

In KY, domestic violence and interpersonal protective orders do not offer protection in all relationships. Protection against in-laws, cousins, siblings, neighbors, roommates, or a significant other's past or present partner is typically not granted unless that person has sexually assaulted you or is stalking you.

If you are seeking protection from someone that does not meet the protective order requirements, you may want to contact the Fayette County Attorney's Office (859-254-4941) or the Lexington Police Department (859-258-3600) to discuss your options.

File for a protective order.

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If you file for a protective order you may also be able to file a criminal complaint. For more information on protective orders and criminal complaints, see DSVPC's Survivor Handbook.