



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The PA Courts provide info on:

- Protection from Abuse orders
- Court Resources
- Ways to Get Help

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A Protection from Abuse order may:

- Require no contact
- Remove an abuser from a home
- Address custody
- Provide other protections
(pets can be included)

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Who can request a PFA?

People abused or threatened by certain family members or partners may qualify. Court staff can provide information, but not legal advice.

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How to file a PFA and what to expect

- File a PFA petition at your local Court of Common Pleas.
- A judge may grant temporary protection before a hearing.
- Emergency options are available when courts are closed.

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Your safety matters.

Safety planning and support services can help protect you and your family. If you're in immediate danger, call 911.

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Protection
starts with knowing

**You can file a Protection
from Abuse petition
without a lawyer.**

- Find your local program at www.pcadv.org/find-help/
- Call the Domestic Violence Helpline at **800-799-7233**
- Text **START** to **88788**

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