
TEXAS LAW HELP

Provides free legal information, forms and self-help guides to Texans.

texaslawhelp.org

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

The TX Attorney General provides services and programs related to child support.

texasattorneygeneral.gov/child-support

1-800-252-8014

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The Justice Courts have jurisdiction over evictions. They may also assist with Civil Standby Calls

JP 1 - (830)372-4223

JP 2 - (830)379-2214

JP 3 - (210)945-6685

JP 4 - (830)372-8916

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Report crimes to law enforcement. They may also assist with Criminal Trespass Warnings and Civil Standby Calls.

Cibolo Police Dept.
210-659-1999

Guadalupe County Sheriff
830-379-1224

New Braunfels Police Dept.
830-221-4100

Schertz Police Dept.
210-619-1200

Seguin Police Dept.
830-379-2123

Selma Police Dept.
210-651-5368

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

CHOICES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME



*****The information contained herein is not exhaustive and is not intended to be legal advice*****

Restraining Order

- Justice of the Peace does not issue.
- County/District Attorney cannot file.
- Private attorney can file
- Person can file on their own if they know the process.

An application is filed in District Court, often filed in divorce proceedings. Restraining Orders generally act to protect you from being harassed by telephone calls, having your bank account emptied, having your credit card cancelled, and other similar activities.

Temporary Restraining Orders can be in effect for 14 days before the hearing.

It is a means of keeping someone away (it cannot evict someone from their home, divide property, or deal with custody of children).

Can be obtained against anyone, including neighbors and co-workers, not limited to family members.

Protective Order

- State's Prosecutor can file.
- Private attorney can file.
- Person can file their own if they know the process

An application is filed in District Court.

Temporary Order can be in effect for 14 days prior to hearing.

Final Order lasts for up to two years after date it is issued.

Respondent given copy of Order at end of hearing or if not at Court by certified mail.

Protective Orders can prohibit a person from going to or near the victim's residence, work, school, or daycare facility.

Intended to protect victims of family* violence, stalking, or sexual assault.

*family as defined by Texas Family Code §71.0021-71.005 (related by blood, marriage, former spouses, parents of the same child, roommates, previously or currently dating)

Protective orders can be applied for online at the link below-

<https://www.co.guadalupe.tx.us/coattny/coattny.php>

Emergency Protection Order

- An emergency protective order (EPO) is available only at the time of an arrest for a crime involving family violence or sexual assault. It is temporary and emergency in nature and cannot be extended.
- Can be requested by the arresting officer

Issued by a Magistrate at the initial appearance in front of a Judge at the jail when a person is in custody after an arrest for family violence, stalking or dating violence.

The Defendant is given a copy of the Order by the Magistrate.

Can last up to 91 days from the date it is issued.

Emergency Protective Orders can prohibit a person from going to or near the victim's residence, work, school, or daycare facility.

Emergency Protective Orders **are not handled** by the County Attorney's Office.