

OUR SERVICES

- Discuss civil options to increase your safety
 - Assistance with PFA paperwork
- Provide resources and referrals
 - Safety planning
- Prepare you for court hearings
- Court accompaniment
 - Spanish-speaking advocacy (New Castle County)

WHAT IS A PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER (PFA)?

A PFA is an official order from Family Court ordering someone to stop abusing another person. It may include other relief that will help protect the victim.

WHO CAN FILE A PFA PETITION?

Spouses, ex-spouses, live-in partners, persons in a current or former dating relationship, persons who have a child in common.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION OR FILE A PFA?

You can contact DVAP in New Castle, Kent, or Sussex County. Family Court also has detailed information at:
www.courts.delaware.gov/family



WILL A PFA HELP ME?

Each situation is unique. You are the expert on your relationship, and only you can decide if a PFA will be helpful.

In a PFA petition, you can request:

- no contact from your partner
- your partner stays away from you
- temporary custody of children
- temporary possession of the home
- financial support
- court-ordered counseling/interventions

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**HELPING VICTIMS
THROUGH THE
PFA PROCESS**

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Staff and trained volunteer advocates assist victims of intimate partner violence navigate the Protection From Abuse process in Family Court. Along with providing resources and referrals, advocates will discuss individualized safety needs with all clients of the program.

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