

Quick Reference for VT Civil Protection Orders

Jurisdiction & Order	Eligibility	Type of Abuse Covered	Provisions	Process
FAMILY COURT Relief from Abuse Order Title 15	Parties must be one of the following: Family members Household members Sexual relationship Dating relationship	One of the following: Cause or attempt to cause bodily harm Place in fear of bodily harm Child abuse Stalking Sexual assault Aggravated sexual assault Lewd & lascivious w/ child	May include: No abuse Stay away No direct/indirect contact Possession of home Custody of children Child support & spousal maintenance Pet protection Protections court deems necessary	Plaintiff applies for ex parte Temporary Order during regular court hours at Family Court or, After regular court hours applies at police department Law enforcement serves order Attend hearing for Final Order w/in 10 days
SUPERIOR COURT Order Against Stalking or Sexual Assault Title 12	Parties must: NOT be family members NOT be household members NOT be in a sexual or dating relationship	One of the following: Stalking Sexual assault Aggravated sexual assault Lewd & lascivious w/ child <i>Please note physical abuse not included</i>	May include: Stay away No direct/indirect contact Protections court deems necessary	Plaintiff applies for ex parte Temporary Order at Superior Court during regular court hours only NO option to apply at police department after regular court hours Law enforcement serves order Attend hearing for Final Order w/in 10 days
FAMILY COURT Relief from Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult Title 33	No relationship requirement. Elder or adult w/ disability and one of the following: Resides in a facility or psychiatric hospital Receives personal care services Impaired due to aging, mental, physical, or developmental disability <u>and</u> : -Impairs self care ability <u>or</u> -Impairs ability to self protect	One of the following: Physical abuse Sexual abuse Emotional abuse Neglect Medical neglect Financial exploitation	May include: No abuse, neglect or exploitation Stay away No direct/indirect contact Protections court deems necessary	Plaintiff (self, guardian or interested party) applies for ex parte Temporary Order during regular court hours at Family Court or, After regular court hours applies at police department Law enforcement serves order Attend hearing for Final Order w/in 10 days.

Violation of any of these orders is a crime.