

## Filing a Protection from Abuse OR a Protection from Harassment Case

The information below is meant to help get you started. Please read the entire Guide to PFA/PFH Cases for more information.

Protection from ABUSE	Protection from HARASSMENT
<p>Regardless of your age, you can file a PFA against your family or household member or your current or former dating partner who has abused you.</p> <p>Regardless of your age, you can also file a PFA against anyone who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stalked you;</li> <li>• sexually assaulted you;</li> <li>• who has used or threatened to use intimate private images of you against you; or</li> <li>• has forced you or led you into sex trafficking.</li> </ul> <p>If you are 60 or older, or a dependent or incapacitated adult, you can file a PFA <u>against any extended family member or unpaid care provider</u> who has abused you. <i>(Please read the Guide because "abuse" in these situations has a broader definition).</i></p> <p>If you are a minor, your parent or other person responsible for you can get a PFA on your behalf <u>against anyone</u> who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sexually exploited you;</li> <li>• shared or intends to share sexually explicit images of you (only if you are 16 years or under); or</li> <li>• harassed you by telephone or by electronic devices.</li> </ul>	<p>Regardless of your age you can file a PFH against anyone if you have been a victim of that person's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment (which means three or more acts of intimidation, confrontation, actual or threatened physical force by the defendant, made with the intention of causing fear, intimidation, or damage to personal property, and that do in fact cause fear, intimidation, or damage to personal property);</li> <li>• A single act or course of conduct constituting a serious criminal act such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-assault,</li> <li>-criminal threatening,</li> <li>-sexual assault,</li> <li>-terrorizing,</li> <li>-kidnapping,</li> <li>-aggravated assault,</li> <li>-arson,</li> <li>-violation of privacy; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Violation or interference with your constitutional or civil rights.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Please note that if you are a minor child, your parent or other person responsible for you will have to file the PFH on your behalf).</i></p>