

# After your protection order hearing, what happens next?

## What if I disagree with the court's decision?



Within **10 DAYS** after the entry of the order you can ask for reconsideration or revision.

Ask for **reconsideration** if the decision was legally incorrect or you have newly discovered evidence.

Ask for **revision** if your case was decided by a court commissioner (not a judge), and you want a judge to review the same evidence.

File your motion for reconsideration or revision with the court clerk. Check your county's **local court rules** for specific instructions.

Find forms at [www.courts.wa.gov/forms/](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/)

You can file an **appeal** within **30 DAYS** after entry of the order. You have the right to a transcript or recording of the hearing.

If new evidence would support issuing a protection order, you can refile a petition for a protection order **at any time**.

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## If the order was granted...

### How is the order enforced?

The restrained person must follow the order or risk criminal or civil penalties.

The protected person can call 911 to report violations.



### Can the order be changed or terminated?

Either party may file a motion to modify or terminate the order.

A restrained person may do this only once within every 12-month period.

### Can the order be renewed?

The protected person may file a motion to renew within 90 days before the order expires.

Example: if an order expires Dec. 15, a motion to renew may be filed as early as Sept. 16.



### If weapons are surrendered, will they be returned?

Weapons may be returned after the order expires. Contact the law enforcement agency listed on the *Order to Surrender Weapons*.

**Protected person:** Ask them to alert you if weapons are returned.

**Restrained person:** Ask for instructions to have weapons returned.

This information is a summary, not a complete list. For advice about your situation, talk to a lawyer.

# These civil legal aid organizations may help:

**Northwest Justice Project** - [nwjustice.org/get-legal-help](http://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help)

- Outside King County, call the CLEAR Hotline at 1-888-201-1014
- In King County, call 2-1-1

**Sexual Violence Law Center** – [svlawcenter.org/](http://svlawcenter.org/) or call 844-991-7852 (SVLC)

**Family Violence Appellate Project** - [fvaplaw.org/](http://fvaplaw.org/)

**Regional volunteer lawyer programs:**

- Benton Franklin Legal Aid - [bflegalaid.org/](http://bflegalaid.org/)
- BMAC Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Program (Walla Walla, Columbia Counties) - [bmacprobono.wordpress.com/](http://bmacprobono.wordpress.com/)
- Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services - [cdcvas.org/](http://cdcvas.org/)
- Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers - [cjcpl.org/](http://cjcpl.org/)
- Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program - [ccvlp.org/](http://ccvlp.org/)
- Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid - [cwlap.org/](http://cwlap.org/)
- Eastside Legal Assistance Program (King County) - [elap.org/](http://elap.org/)
- King County Bar Association Pro Bono Services ([kcba.org/?pg=Free-Legal-Assistance](http://kcba.org/?pg=Free-Legal-Assistance) ) and King County Bar Association’s Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Project (DV LEAD) (<https://www.kcba.org/?pg=Domestic-Violence-Legal-Advocacy-Project>)
- Kitsap Legal Services - [kitsaplegalservices.org/](http://kitsaplegalservices.org/)
- LAW Advocates (Whatcom County) - [lawadvocates.org/](http://lawadvocates.org/)
- Skagit Legal Aid - [skagitlegalaid.org/](http://skagitlegalaid.org/)
- Snohomish County Legal Services - [snocollegal.org/](http://snocollegal.org/)
- Spokane Volunteer Lawyer Program - [spokanebar.org/volunteer-lawyers-program/](http://spokanebar.org/volunteer-lawyers-program/)
- Tacomaprobono - [tacomaprobono.org/](http://tacomaprobono.org/)
- Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services (Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Pacific, and Grays Harbor Counties) - [tcvls.org/](http://tcvls.org/)
- Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Services - [yakimavas.org/](http://yakimavas.org/)

**Qualified Legal Service Providers by county** - [wsba.org/connect-serve/pro-bono-public-service/qlsp-directory](http://wsba.org/connect-serve/pro-bono-public-service/qlsp-directory)