

## Personal Protection Orders (PPO)

- There are several types of PPOs and the Petition determines what type of order you are requesting. Domestic Relationship PPOs pertain to someone you had a personal relationship with (marriage, child in common, dating relationship, reside or resided in same household). Non-Domestic PPOs pertain to all others.
- The Petition for a Personal Protection Order must be completed in its entirety. Ensure that your (Petitioner) name, address, and phone number are correct, and that the Respondent's information is also included and accurate. Read each line on the form and check the boxes that apply to your specific situation. If you wish the Judge to consider your PPO without first having a hearing, make sure that you mark the box to request an "ex parte order".
- You must provide the reason (Personal Protection Order Information/ Verified Statement) you feel you need a PPO. The Judge considers **ONLY** information included with your PPO request. You may, and are encouraged, to attach supporting documents such as police reports, threatening messages on social media, phone logs, texts, etc. to your request.
- Personal Protection Orders are public information and may be viewed by anyone. If there is information that you do not want the public or the respondent to see do not include it with your supporting information.
- The Judge cannot order the respondent to stay away from his/her own children or someone other than the petitioner. A granted PPO applies only to the petitioner.
- If the petition is being filed on behalf of a minor an Appointment of Next of Friend must also be included with the request.
- If the PPO is Granted you will be responsible for getting the Respondent "Served". You cannot personally serve the PPO. Law Enforcement charges a fee to serve court documents, however, fees can be waived if there is a financial need. Complete the "Fee Waiver Request" form included with this packet if you feel that you qualify for this waiver.
- If a PPO is granted and you change your mind and want the PPO cancelled, you must coordinate with D.O.V.E. and attend three (3) counseling sessions. Once a letter of counseling confirmation is received from D.O.V.E. you will need to complete a Motion to Modify, Extend, or Terminate PPO. Bring these forms to the Gogebic County Clerk and a hearing date will be assigned.
- If the PPO is **DENIED** by the Judge with the right to a hearing you can request a hearing by completing the Notice of PPO Hearing Form (CC 381). Bring this form to the Clerk's Office and a hearing date will be coordinated with the Court Administrator.