

Domestic Violence Advocates

A valuable service for visitors to the Family Violence Prevention Center is access to advocates from local shelters, on hand to provide immediate assistance. These advocates, who are specialists in family violence issues, are not employees of the Court.

Advocates may:

- Speak to victims regarding questions concerning domestic violence and the process to obtain an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment.
- Assist in obtaining a 911 emergency cell phone.
- Refer victims to other agencies and organizations that can help with shelter and counseling.
- Accompany individuals to court to get an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment, or other proceedings related to domestic violence.

Advocates cannot provide legal advice. However, the Center does have information on valuable legal resources in the community.



Available Services

- Court forms to be completed and filed in cases involving a variety of domestic violence matters.
- Brochures, fliers and information packets about community services, shelters and safety planning are available in both English and Spanish.
- Court staff is available to answer procedural questions.
- Computerized court documents.
- Walk-in appointments with a domestic violence advocate from a local shelter.

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Locations and Hours

Superior Court Downtown Facility

101 W. Jefferson
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
602.506.5553

Northeast Regional Court Center

18380 N. 40th Street
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
602.372.7604

Superior Court Southeast Facility

222 E. Javelina, Mesa
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
602.506.1045

Northwest Regional Center in Surprise

14264 W. Tierra Buena
Lane
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
602.372.6493

Glendale Regional Court Center

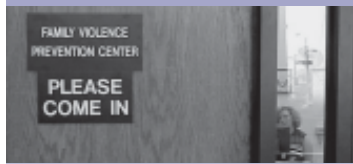
5222 W. Glendale Ave.,
Glendale
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
623.847.7011 x238



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Judicial Branch of Arizona
in Maricopa County

www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov



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Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, opened its first Family Violence Prevention Center in downtown Phoenix in 2001. The Center exists through a joint effort of the Court, the Governor's Division for the Prevention of Family Violence, the Sojourner Center, the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Clerk of Superior Court.

This program provides a resource center within the court building to assist individuals dealing with family violence issues. Visitors can obtain necessary paperwork to pursue a court order related to domestic violence. They may also get specific information and guidance on a vast array of services to assist them.

In 2003, Superior Court opened its second Family Violence Prevention Center at the Southeast Court Facility in Mesa. The center was made possible through the collaboration of the Court, the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Governor's Division for the Prevention of Family Violence, the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Prehab of Arizona.

The court continues to assess the feasibility of opening more centers to help people dealing with family violence.

Types of Protective Orders

• **Orders of Protection**

An Order of Protection may be requested of the Court if the person from whom you wish to be protected is an individual to whom you are related. This includes a spouse or former spouse, parent of your child or children, or the parent, grandparent, sibling, child or grandchild of your spouse.

To file for an Order of Protection, you must show that the defendant has threatened, assaulted, endangered, harassed, abused, stalked or otherwise shown the intent to commit such crimes against you. An Order of Protection may also be sought if the defendant committed — or is about to commit — a dangerous crime against a child younger than 15 years old.

An Order of Protection is intended to prevent the person from whom you want to be protected (defendant) from contacting you and/or any other persons included in the judge's order. The judge can order that the defendant not contact you in person, by phone, in writing or other means and can order the defendant from contacting you at specific locations such as your residence, work, school or other locations. The judge can also order that the defendant surrenders and/or not purchase firearms and ammunition.

• **Injunction Against Harassment**

This injunction may be filed against anyone. Harassment means a series of acts over any period of time that is directed at a specific person; that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed by behavior that serves no legitimate purpose.

An Injunction Against Harassment is intended to prevent the defendant from contacting you and/or any other protected persons included in the judge's order. The judge can order that the defendant not contact you in person, by phone, in writing or other means and can order the defendant from contacting you at specific locations such as your residence, work, school or other locations.

• **Injunction Against Workplace Harassment**

An employer or an authorized agent of an employer may file a petition requesting an Injunction Against Workplace Harassment. An Injunction Against Workplace Harassment is granted to prevent the defendant from contacting the requestor's employer and/or any other protected persons included in the judge's order. The judge can order that the defendant not contact the plaintiff's employer in person, by phone, in writing or other means and can order the defendant not to come at or near the employer's place of business.