

# Interim Family Violence Order - Applicant

ACT Courts and Tribunal

Easy English



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## Hard words

This book has some hard words

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means



## You can get help with this book

You can get someone to help you

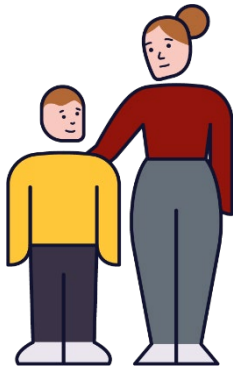
- read this book



- know what this book is about



- find more information



## About this book

This book is for you if you have asked the Court to protect you, or someone like your child



## What happened in Court today?

You asked a **Deputy Registrar** for help to keep you or someone like your child safe



A Deputy Registrar is a Court officer who is good at helping people to keep safe



The Deputy Registrar agreed that you need help to keep safe



The Deputy Registrar made an **interim protection order** to help keep you safe



An interim protection order stops the other person from doing some things for a short time



If the other person does something they are not allowed to do, you should call the police on 0 0 0

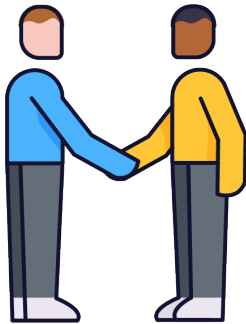


If you want to change the protection order, you need to ask the Court to change it

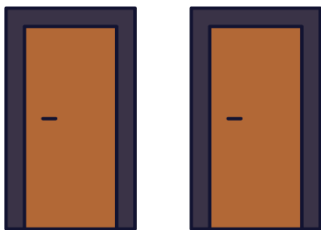


## What happens next?

You need to come back to court for a **preliminary conference**



A preliminary conference is where you try to agree something with the other person



You won't be in the same room as the other person at the preliminary conference

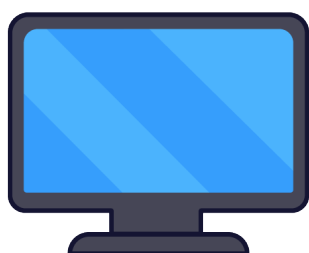


## What do I need to know about coming to Court?

There are people at the Court who are there to help keep you safe



If you don't feel safe coming to Court, you can apply to appear from a **remote witness room**



A remote witness room is a different room to the Court room. In the different room you can see and hear what people are saying on the TV

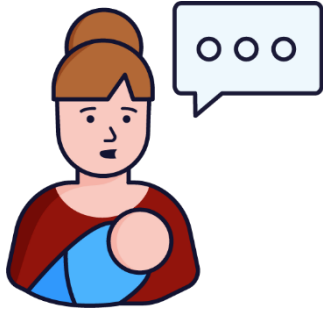


If you don't feel safe coming to Court, you can apply to appear in Court by phone, or by a video call using a computer



If you want to appear from a remote witness room, by phone or video call, you can email – [courtassistance@courts.act.gov.au](mailto:courtassistance@courts.act.gov.au)

or phone –  
**02 6205 0322**



You need to ask someone else to look after your child when you come to Court



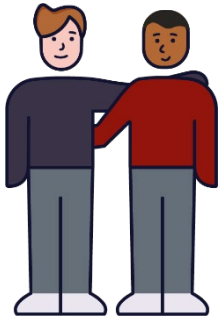
You may need to wait when you come to Court. Make sure you can be there for hours



You should get **legal advice** before coming to court



Legal advice is a lawyer telling you what you need to know about going to Court



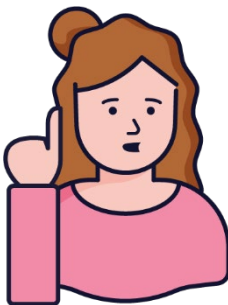
You can bring someone to help you



If you don't have someone to help you, Court can help to find someone to help you



You can call Court to ask for help on the following phone number –  
**02 6205 0322**



If you can't come to Court for any reason, you must tell the Court



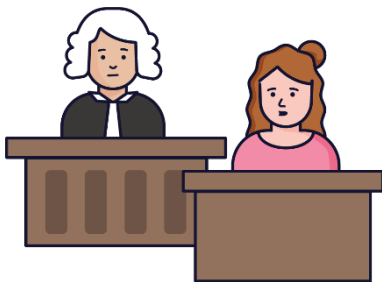
If you can't come to Court, you will need to **prove** why you couldn't come



You can prove why you couldn't come with a sick certificate from a doctor



You can call Court to tell them that you can't come on the following phone number –  
**02 6205 0322**



## **What will happen when I come back to Court?**

When you come back to Court, the following things may happen



- A Court officer may help you agree something with the other person



- If you agree something with the other person, it will be written down



- The other person might agree to a **final protection order**



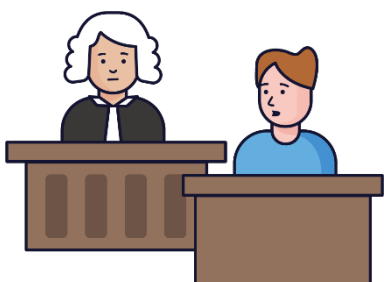
A final protection order stops the other person from doing some things for a long time



- If you do not come to Court, the Court may cancel the protection order



- If the other person does not come to Court, the Court can still make a final protection order



## What will happen if you don't agree with the other person?

If you and the other person can't agree you will need to have a **hearing**



A hearing is what happens in the Court



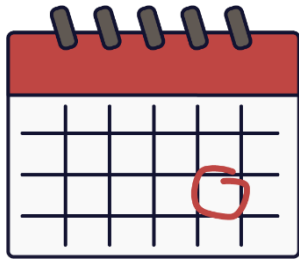
At the hearing a **Magistrate** decides if a final protection order is needed



A Magistrate is a Court officer who is good at helping people to keep safe



If you need a hearing, the Court officer at the preliminary conference may help by






- Making a date for your matter to go to a hearing

## Where to get help



**ACT Disability, Aged and Carer  
Advocacy Services (ADACAS)**

Call 02 6242 5060

	<p><b>Advocacy for Inclusion (AFI)</b> Call 02 6257 4005</p>
	<p><b>Legal Aid ACT</b> Call 02 6207 1874</p>
	<p><b>The ACT Law Society</b> Call 02 6274 0300</p>
	<p><b>The Women's Legal Centre</b> Call 02 6257 4377</p>
	<p><b>The Domestic Violence Crisis Service</b> Call 02 6280 0900</p>
	<p><b>The Victims of Crime Commissioner</b> Call 02 6205 2222</p>