



STATE VENUE AND PETITION REQUIREMENTS

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ALABAMA	Venue includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the plaintiff or defendant resides • Temporary location of plaintiff if they have fled to avoid abuse • Where abuse occurred • Where a civil matter is already pending between the plaintiff and defendant. Code of Ala. § 30-5-3(c).	Petition includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sworn petition with specific facts and circumstances entitling the victim to relief. Code of Ala. § 30-5-5(c). • Petition is standardized and available through court clerk offices; cannot be completed with the help of the clerk. Code of Ala. § 30-5-5(b). • Either an alternate address or a business address and phone number (if the petitioner does not want to disclose a personal address and telephone number). Code of Ala. § 30-5-5(f)(3)(a.)-(b.).
ALASKA	A district or superior court. Alaska Stat. § 18.66.100(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition is a standardized form issued by the court. Alaska Stat. § 18.66.150(a). • Petitions must also include a statement of any pending civil action involving the petitioner or respondent. Alaska Stat. § 18.66.150(b).
AMERICAN SAMOA	Statute is silent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized form provided by the court. Am. Sam. Code Ann. § 47.0202(2) • A statement listing each civil or criminal actions involving both parties. Am. Sam. Code Ann. § 47.0202(2)(b).
ARIZONA	Any court in the state may issue or enforce protective orders. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3602(A).	A written verified order containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of plaintiff • Name and address of defendant • Statement of domestic violence alleged • Relationship between the parties • Name of court in which any prior or pending order was sought or issued • Desired relief Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3602(C).

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ARKANSAS	<p>In a circuit court or pilot district court in the county where the petitioner resides, where the alleged incident of abuse occurred, or where the respondent may be served.</p> <p>Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-201(b)-(c).</p>	<p>Standardized forms can be obtained through the court and must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An allegation of domestic abuse • A disclosure of any pending litigation between the parties • A disclosure of any prior filings or protective orders • An affidavit stating specific facts and circumstances of domestic abuse as well as the relief sought <p>Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-201(e)(1)-(2).</p>
CALIFORNIA	<p>Statute is silent.</p>	<p>The statute is silent.</p> <p>The Judicial Council shall prescribe the form of the orders and any other documents required by this division and shall promulgate forms and instructions for applying for orders described in this division.</p> <p>Cal Fam Code § 6226</p> <p>An order may be issued under this part to restrain any person for the purpose specified in Section 6220, if an affidavit or testimony and any additional information provided to the court pursuant to Section 6306, shows, to the satisfaction of the court, reasonable proof of a past act or acts of abuse. The court may issue an order under this part based solely on the affidavit or testimony of the person requesting the restraining order. Cal Fam Code § 6300 (a)</p>
COLORADO	<p>Any municipal court of record (Colo. Rev. Stat. § 13-14-104.5(1)) in any county where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the acts that are the subject of the motion or complaint occur • where one of the parties resides, or • where one of the parties is employed. <p>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 13-14-104.5(3)</p>	<p>A single standardized set of forms created by the state court administrator is available through the courts. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 13-1-136(2).</p>

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CONNECTICUT	<p>The judicial district where either the plaintiff or respondent resides if both reside in the state. If neither reside in the state then where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the injury occurred, • the transaction occurred, or • the property is located or lawfully attached <p>Conn. Gen. Stat. § 51-345(a)(1)-(3).</p>	<p>Application form is standardized and includes a brief statement of the conditions from which relief is sought. Petitioners can also indicate in the application whether the respondent possesses firearms or an eligibility certificate to possess firearms or ammunition. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-15(b).</p>
DELAWARE	<p>Where the petitioner or respondent resides, where the alleged domestic violence occurred, or where the petitioner is temporarily located away from the residence to avoid domestic violence. Del. Code Ann. tit. 10 § 1042(c).</p>	<p>A standardized form is available through the Clerk of Court; the Court may require the petitioner to confidentially reveal a current address for the purpose of determining venue. Del. Code Ann. tit. 10 § 1042(b), (d).</p>
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<p>*Note Jurisdiction: A petitioner may file a petition for protection under this subchapter if: (1) The petitioner resides, lives, works, or attends school in the District of Columbia;(2) The petitioner is under the legal custody of a District government agency; or(3) The underlying offense occurred in the District of Columbia. D.C. Code § 16-1006</p>	<p>Statute is silent.</p>
FLORIDA	<p>In the circuit where the petitioner currently or temporarily resides, where the respondent resides, or where the domestic violence occurred. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.30(1)(j).</p>	<p>Petition forms are available through the clerk's office. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.30(2)(c)(2).</p> <p>The petition must be sworn and must allege the existence of domestic violence, including specific facts or circumstances. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.30(3)(a).</p> <p>If the sworn petition seeks a parenting plan, it must incorporate allegations required by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. Fla. Stat. § 61.522. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.30(3)(d).</p>
GEORGIA	<p>The superior court where the petitioner resides or the superior court where an act involving family violence allegedly occurred. Ga. Code Ann. § 19-13-2(b).</p>	<p>Statute is silent.</p>

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GUAM	<p>Any proceeding under protection from abuse must follow the rules of civil procedures. 7 GCA § 40108.</p> <p>Per the rules of civil procedure: The county where the defendant resides or where the allegations occurred. O.C.G.A. §9-10-93</p>	Statute is silent.
HAWAII	<p>Any family court in the circuit in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the petitioner resides • the respondent resides • the subject of the petition, a petitioner’s family or household member who is a minor, an incapacitated person as defined in section 560:5-102 or physically unable to go to the appropriate place to complete or file the petition, resides or is temporarily located; or • The domestic abuse occurred. <p>Haw. Rev. Stat. § 586-2.</p>	<p>Petition must be in writing upon forms provided by the court and allege, under penalty of perjury, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a past act or acts of abuse may have occurred; threats of abuse make it probable that acts of abuse may be imminent; or extreme psychological abuse or malicious property damage is imminent • and be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath or a statement made under penalty of perjury stating the specific facts and circumstances from which relief is sought. <p>Haw. Rev. Stat. § 586-3(c).</p>
IDAHO	<p>The county of the respondent's or petitioner's residence, or where the petitioner is temporarily residing. Idaho Code § 39-6304(6).</p>	<p>Petition must include a sworn affidavit alleging domestic violence. Idaho Code § 39-6304(2).</p> <p>Petition must disclose the existence of any custody or any marital annulment, dissolution or separation proceedings pending between the parties, the existence of any other custody order affecting the children of the parties, and the existence of child protection or adoption proceedings affecting the children of any party. Idaho Code § 39-6304(4).</p> <p>When the petitioner requests custody of any child, the petition shall disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county and state where the child has resided for six (6) months immediately prior to the filing of the petition; • The party or other responsible person with whom the child is presently residing; and • The party or other responsible person with whom the child has resided for six (6) months immediately prior to the filing of the petition. <p>Idaho Code § 39-6304(5).</p>

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ILLINOIS	Any county in which the petitioner or defendant resides, the alleged abuse occurred, or where the petitioner is temporarily located. 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. 60/209(a).	<p>Petition must be in writing and verified or accompanied by affidavit and shall allege that petitioner has been abused by respondent, who is a family or household member. The petition shall further set forth whether there is any other pending action between the parties. During the pendency of this proceeding, each party has a continuing duty to inform the court of any subsequent proceeding for an order of protection in this or any other state. 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. 60/203(a).</p> <p>Petitioner must disclose an address, but it may be an alternative address if at risk of abuse. 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. 60/203(b).</p>
INDIANA	The county where the petitioner or respondent resides, where the alleged abuse occurred, or where the petitioner temporarily resides. Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-4(b).	<p>Petition must be on forms provided by the court and verified under oath. Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-3(e).</p> <p>If applicable the petition must include a disclosure of each civil or criminal action involving either party or a child of either party. Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-3(b).</p>
IOWA	The county where either party resides. Iowa Code § 236.3(1).	<p>Petition must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaintiff's address, or the name and address of their attorney • Name and address, if known, of the defendant. • Relationship of the plaintiff to the defendant. • Nature of the alleged domestic abuse. • Name and age of each child under eighteen whose welfare may be affected by the controversy. • Name or description of any pet or companion animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by the petitioner, respondent, or minor child of the petitioner or respondent whose welfare may be affected by the controversy. • Desired relief, including a request for temporary or emergency orders. <p>Iowa Code § 236.3(1).</p> <p>Standardized forms are available through the clerk of court. Iowa Code 236.3A(1).</p>

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KANSAS	Any district court shall have jurisdiction over all proceedings under the protection from abuse act. The right of a person to obtain relief under the protection from abuse act shall not be affected by the person's leaving the residence or household to avoid further abuse. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-3103.	Standardized forms are available through the clerk of the court. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-3104(c). The petition must be verified. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-3105(a).
KENTUCKY	Victim's county of residence or a county where the victim has fled to escape domestic violence and abuse. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.725(2).	Petitions must be verified and contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name, age, address, occupation, residence, and school or postsecondary institution of the petitioner; • The name, age, address, occupation, residence, and school or postsecondary institution of the person or persons who have engaged in the alleged act or acts complained of in the petition; • The facts and circumstances which constitute the basis for the petition; • The date and place of the marriage of the parties, if applicable; and • The names, ages, and addresses of the petitioner's minor children, if applicable. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.725(3)(a)-(e). Petitions must be filed on standardized forms provided by the court clerk. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.725(4).
LOUISIANA	In the parish where the petitioner or defendant resides, where the marital home is located, where the alleged abuse occurred, or where annulment of marriage or divorce can be sought. La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2133(B).	The petition must contain the names and addresses of the parties, the facts of circumstances concerning the alleged abuse, the relationship between the parties, and the request for protective orders and if desired, a request for a competent interpreter for a non-English speaking principal party or witness to the proceeding. La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2134(A)(1)-(5). If requesting an ex parte temporary restraining order, the petition must include a written affirmation of the alleged abuse, signed and dated before a witness who will also sign and date the affirmation. La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2134(D).

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<p>MAINE</p>	<p>In the division where the plaintiff or defendant resides, or where the plaintiff is temporarily located to avoid abuse.</p> <p>Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 19-A, § 4104(1)</p>	<p>The forms provided by the court must be uniform throughout the State and must include a summons and an affidavit for temporary emergency relief from abuse. The summons must include a section in which to list places where the defendant may be located or available to be served. The clerk shall inquire where the defendant may be located or available to be served and list those locations on the summons or direct the plaintiff to do so. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 4106 (2).</p> <p>Effective Jan 1, 2023, the sworn complaint only needs to contain a short and plain statement of the alleged abuse. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 19, § 4104(2).</p>
<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>Civil actions against a resident must be brought in the county where the defendant resides, carries on a regular business is employed, or habitually engages in a vocation. Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 6-201(a).</p> <p>Statutes governing protective orders are silent if there is an exception to the above rule of civil procedure when filing a petition.</p>	<p>Petition must be under oath and include information regarding the nature of the alleged abuse and relief being sought, any previous or pending actions between the parties, the location of the respondent (if known) and the whereabouts of any vulnerable children (if applicable). Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 4-504(b)(1)(i)-(ii).</p>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS</p>	<p>The superior court department or the Boston municipal court department or respective divisions of the probate and family or district court departments having venue over the plaintiff's residence. If the plaintiff has left a residence or household to avoid abuse, such plaintiff shall have the option of commencing an action in the court having venue over such prior residence or household, or in the court having venue over the present residence or household. Mass. Ann. Laws Ch. 209A § 2</p>	<p>Statute is silent Mass. Ann. Laws Ch. 209A § 9.</p>
<p>MICHIGAN</p>	<p>The county in which either the plaintiff or defendant resides or conducts business. Mich. Comp. Laws § 600.1621(a)-(b).</p>	<p>Standardized forms are available through the court. Mich. Comp. Laws § 600.2950b(1).</p>

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MINNESOTA	The court having jurisdiction over dissolution actions, in the county of residence of either party, in the county in which a pending or completed family court proceeding involving the parties or their minor children was brought, or in the county in which the alleged domestic abuse occurred. There are no residency requirements that apply to a petition for an order for protection. Minn. Stat. §518B.01(Subd. 3).	The standardized petition must include an allegation of abuse accompanied by an affidavit made under oath stating specific facts and circumstances from which relief is sought. Petition must also include the relief sought and the existence of any current or prior protective orders the petitioner has against the respondent. Minn. Stat. § 518B.01(Subd. 4)(b)-(d).
MISSISSIPPI	Any county where the respondent resides or where the alleged abusive acts occurred. Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-5(2).	Petition shall be signed by the petitioner under oath. Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-9(8).
MISSOURI	The county where the petitioner resides, where the alleged incident of domestic violence occurred, or where the respondent may be served. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.015.	Petition must be certified by the court or clerk. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.030(2). Forms for petitions are available through the court clerk. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.025.
MONTANA	The county where the petitioner currently or temporarily resides, the county where the respondent resides, or the county where the abuse occurred. There is no minimum length of residency required to file a petition. Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-301(4).	A sworn petition that states that the petitioner is in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury or is a victim of one of the offenses listed in 40-15-102, has a relationship to the respondent if required by 40-15-102, and is in danger of harm if the court does not issue an order of protection. Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-201(1).
NEBRASKA	The county where any defendant resides, the county where the cause of action arose, the county where the transaction or some part of the transaction occurred out of which the cause of action arose, or if all defendants are nonresidents of this state, in any county. Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 25-403.1.	A standard petition is available through the county clerk. The affidavit forms include: A description of the most recent incident that was the basis for the application for a protection order and the date or approximate date of the incident and, if there was more than one incident, the most severe incident and the date or approximate date of such incident. Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42-924.02.
NEVADA	The county where the applicant or adverse county resides, where the applicant is temporarily located to avoid domestic violence, or where the alleged act of domestic violence occurred. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.0195.	Statute is silent.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE	<p>The county or district where the plaintiff or defendant resides. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:3(I).</p> <p>The county or district where the plaintiff temporarily resides if they have fled to avoid further abuse. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:2(II).</p>	<p>The clerks of the circuit courts shall supply forms for petitions and for relief under this chapter designed to facilitate pro se proceedings. All such petitions shall contain the following words: I swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making a false statement on this petition will subject me to criminal penalties. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:3(IV).</p>
NEW JERSEY	<p>The county where either of the parties resides, in the county where the domestic violence offense took place, or in the county where the victim of domestic violence is sheltered. The final hearing is to be held in the county where the ex parte restraints were ordered, unless good cause is shown for the hearing to be held elsewhere. N.J. Court Rules, R. 5:7A(f).</p>	<p>Applicant shall appear before a judge or a domestic violence hearing officer to personally testify on the record or by sworn complaint submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:25-28. N.J. Court Rules, R. 5:7A(a).</p>
NEW MEXICO	<p>The county in which the offense was committed or in which the defendant may be found or in the county where the plaintiff resides. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 38-3-1(B).</p>	<p>The petition must be made under oath and accompanied by a sworn affidavit setting out specific facts showing the alleged domestic abuse. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-3(B).</p> <p>The petition should also disclose any pending domestic action between the parties. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-3(C).</p>
NEW YORK	<p>The county in which the act or acts referred to in the petition allegedly occurred or in which the family or household resides or in which any party resides. "Residence" includes any residential program for victims of domestic violence or facility which provides shelter to homeless persons or families on an emergency or temporary basis. N.Y. Fam. Ct. Act § 818.</p>	<p>A petition containing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allegation • The relationship of the alleged offender to the petitioner; • The name of each and every child in the family or household and the relationship of the child, if any, to the petitioner and to the respondent; • A request for an order of protection or the use of the court's conciliation procedures <p>N.Y. Fam. Ct. Act § 821(1)(a)-(e).</p>

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NORTH CAROLINA	The county in which the plaintiffs or the defendants, or any of them, reside at its commencement, or if none of the defendants reside in the State, then in the county in which the plaintiffs, or any of them, reside; and if none of the parties reside in the State, then the action may be tried in any county which the plaintiff designates in the plaintiff's summons and complaint, subject to the power of the court to change the place of trial, in the cases provided by statute. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1-82 (from the rules of civil procedure).	Statute is silent.
NORTH DAKOTA	The county in which the defendant resides. If the defendant does not reside in state, then the county in which the plaintiff resides or in which the cause of action arose. N.D. Cent. Code § 28-04-05 (from the rules of civil procedure)	Statute is silent.
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	The Commonwealth Superior Court where the petitioner currently or temporarily resides, where the respondent resides, or where the domestic violence occurred. There is no minimum requirement of residency to petition for an order of protection. Public Law 12-19, Section 203 (b)-(c).	Petitions should be completed on standardized forms available through the court; it should contain a statement listing each civil or criminal action involving both parties. It must be in writing and verified by the court. Public Law 12-19, Section 202 (a)-(b), (e).
OHIO	The county in which the petitioner currently or temporarily resides (Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure 3(C)(10), or the county in which the defendant resides (Rule 3(C)(1).)	Petition must contain the allegation of domestic violence, the relationship between the parties, a request for relief, and (if claiming a dating relationship) the fact that would allow the court to conclude the dating relationship existed. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3113.31(C)(1)-(4).
OKLAHOMA	The county where the victim resides, the defendant resides, or where the domestic violence occurred. Okla. Stat. tit. 22, § 60.2(A)(1).	Standard forms are available through the clerk of court. Okla. Stat. tit. 22, § 60.2(B).
OREGON	Statute is silent.	Petition must include the existence of any custody agreement, marital annulment or dissolution, or any action currently pending between the parties. Or. Rev. Stat. § 107.710(4).

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PENNSYLVANIA	Statute is silent.	Statute is silent 23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6107.
PUERTO RICO	Any judge of the Court of First Instance or a municipal judge may issue an order for protection pursuant to this chapter. Every order for protection may be reviewed by any part of a higher court, and in those instances [where] pertinent, in the Family Relations Parts. 8 L.P.R.A. § 622.	Petition may be verbal or written when filed with the court. 8. L.P.R.A. § 623(a)(1).
RHODE ISLAND	Family court in the county of the plaintiff's current, previous, or temporary residence. R.I. Gen. Laws § 15-15-2(a), (d).	Plaintiff must disclose any prior or pending actions for divorce or separation. R.I. Gen. Laws § 15-15-2(c).
SOUTH CAROLINA	The county in which the abuse occurred, the petitioner resides or is sheltered, the respondent resides, or the parties last resided together. S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-30(B).	Must include an allegation of domestic abuse with specific facts and circumstances upon which relief is sought. S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-40(b).
SOUTH DAKOTA	Any county in which a party resides. S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-2.	Petitions must allege domestic abuse and be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath stating specific facts and circumstances of the abuse. S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-3(2).
TENNESSEE	The county where the respondent resides or the county in which the domestic abuse, stalking or sexual assault occurred. If the respondent is not a resident of Tennessee, the petition may be filed in the county where the petitioner resides. Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-602(c).	Though standard forms are available through the clerk of court, petitioner is not limited to use of these forms. Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-604(2).

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TEXAS	The county in which the applicant or respondent resides, or where the family violence is alleged to have occurred. Tex. Fam. Code § 82.003.	Application must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and county of residence of each party • Relationship between the parties • Requests for protective orders • Whether the applicants is receiving services in connection with a child support case and, if known, the agency case numbers Tex. Fam. Code. § 82.004.
UTAH	The county where either party resides, is temporarily domiciled, or in which the action complained of took place. Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-104(2).	Petitions must be in writing and verified. Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-105(5).
VERMONT	The county in which the plaintiff resides, or the county of their previous or new residence if they have left the household to avoid abuse. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1102(c).	Forms and maintained by the court clerk and require a sworn affidavit. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1103(h), (k).
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	The judicial division where the plaintiff or defendant resides, where the alleged abuse occurred, or where the plaintiff is temporarily located if they have fled to avoid further abuse. 16 V.I.C. § 96(a)(1)-(4). http://www.visuperiorcourt.org/clerk/popups/family/terms.html	Complaint forms are available at the Clerk's Office or the Family Division of the Superior Court. 16 V.I.C. § 96(e).
VIRGINIA	Where either party has his or her principal residence, where the abuse occurred, or where a protective order was issued at the time the proceeding is commenced if at the time the proceeding is commenced the order is in effect to protect the petitioner or family or household member of the petitioner. Va. Code Ann. §16.1-243(A)(3).	Statute is silent.
WASHINGTON	Where the petitioner resides, where a child to be protected primarily resides, where the alleged abuse occurred, where the petitioner resided prior to relocating, or the court nearest the petitioner's current or former residence. Rev. Code Wash. § 7.105.075.	The petitioner must submit the confidential information form, disclose any other litigation or existing orders between the parties, and sign a declaration under penalty of perjury stating the specific facts and circumstances for which relief is sought. Rev. Code Wash. § 7.105.105(2)-(5).

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WEST VIRGINIA	Where the petitioner or respondent live, where the petitioner is temporarily located, where the abuse occurred, or where an action for divorce could be brought between the parties (if married). W. Va. Code § 48-27-302.	The petition must be verified by a magistrate court. W. Va. Code § 48-27-304(a).
WISCONSIN	Venue of an action under s. 813.12 growing out of domestic abuse shall be in the county in which the cause of action arose, where the petitioner or the respondent resides or where the petitioner is temporarily living, except that venue may be in any county within a 100-mile radius of the county seat of the county in which the petitioner resides Wis. Stat. § 801.50(5r).	<p>The petition shall allege facts sufficient to show the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the petitioner and that the petitioner is the alleged victim. • The name of the respondent and that the respondent is an adult. • That the respondent engaged in, or based on prior conduct of the petitioner and the respondent may engage in, domestic abuse of the petitioner. • If the petitioner knows of any other court proceeding in which the petitioner is a person affected by a court order or judgment that includes provisions regarding contact with the respondent, any of the following that are known by the petitioner: The name or type of the court proceeding. The date of the court proceeding. The types of provisions regarding contact between the petitioner and respondent. <p>Wis. Stat. § 813.12(5)</p>
WYOMING	The county in which the defendant resides. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-5-108 (actions not otherwise provided for per the rules of civil procedure.)	Petition must be accompanied by a sworn affidavit setting out specific facts showing he alleged domestic abuse. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-21-103(b).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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