

DOMESTIC ABUSE : APPLYING FOR A PROTECTIVE MEASURE

Victim of an abusive spouse, refer the matter to a judge. He will take precautions to ensure your safety and that of your children.

What is a protection order?

- This is a **decision taken by a Family Court Judge (JAF)** urgently to protect you and your children if you are in danger.
- It can prevent your partner from coming near you.
- It may be accompanied **by temporary measures :** allocation of the conjugal home, exercise of parental authority, alimony, proximity alert bracelet, etc.



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Beatings, insults, threats, humiliation, blackmail and rape among others are prohibited and punishable by law. If you are suffering such abuse, **contact an association against domestic abuse** by phone or go to one of the anonymous and free places where you can talk. You will find information about your rights, psychological support, help finding emergency housing, health care facilities and social services.

- **3919**: Free number for women suffering domestic abuse, 7 days a week, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.
- Women's and Family Rights Information Centres (CIDFF), <u>www.infofemmes.com</u>.
- National number : 116 006, free.
- **France Victimes** (national federation of victim support associations) provides information for each department on associations that can help you if you are a victim of domestic abuse <u>www.france-victimes.fr</u>
- Fédération nationale solidarité femmes FNSF (national federation for women's support) lists the corresponding associations present in France <u>www.solidaritefemmes.org</u>
- Arretonslesviolences.gouv.fr has a large amount of information on violence against women.

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First step: file a complaint at the police station

An incident report is useless !

The police have an obligation to take your complaint.

To certify your physical injuries or psychological after-effects, ask to see a doctor at the

forensic medical unit (UMJ). They only work with the police. If there are witnesses, ask them to come with you.

Gather as much evidence as possible

- photos of injuries (dated),,
- medical certificates,
- SMS, emails, voice messages, screenshots,
- testimonies from friends and family,

• receipt showing you have filed a complaint, incident report, etc.

In case of emergency,





single European number

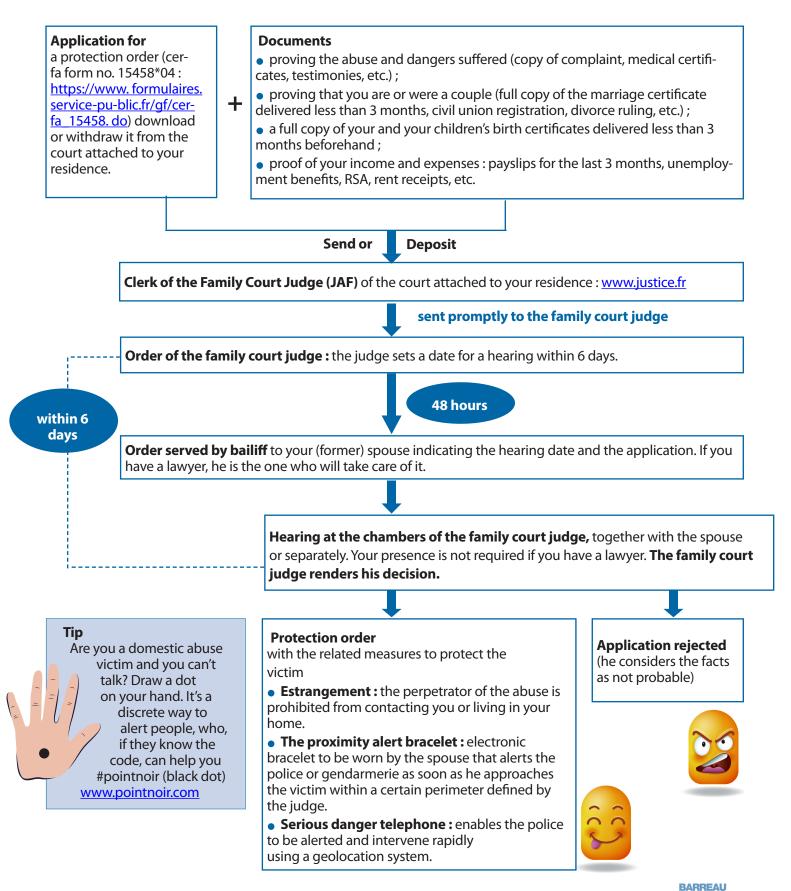




The procedure before the judge

Optional, but strongly advised : consult a lawyer.

Your lawyer's fees may be covered by legal aid, depending on your income and the composition of your household (link to legal aid application form).



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