



## **Guide to Obtaining Protection From Abuse Orders in Philadelphia During the Pandemic**

*We are being asked to stay at home, but not every home is safe.*

**PHILADELPHIA, March 25, 2020** - It's important for Philadelphians to know they can still obtain emergency Protection from Abuse Orders in Philadelphia even though local courts are closed in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We know domestic and interpersonal violence surges when household stress increases, such as during unemployment," says Carol E. Tracy, Executive Director of Women's Law Project. "It's vital that Philadelphians know where to turn for protection in this chaotic and frightening time."

WLP attorneys, along with our partners at Women Against Abuse Legal Center, Philadelphia Legal Assistance and SeniorLAW Center have compiled [a comprehensive go-to resource](#) for obtaining Protections From Abuse (PFA) Orders in Philadelphia while courts are closed.

**Please consider including this information when covering the issue of domestic/interpersonal violence amid the coronavirus pandemic and publishing coronavirus resources for Philadelphians in general.**

Download or review the document [here](#).

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