



Protection Orders: Peace Bonds

1 Are you afraid of another person?

Are you afraid that they may hurt you, your child or your pet, damage your property, or share an intimate picture or video image?

You can go to **criminal court** to get a Peace Bond.

2 What is a Peace Bond?

A Peace Bond is a protection order and will put restrictions on what the person can do. These restrictions can include; not communicating with you, staying away from you and your children, staying away from your home, work or property.

The person must follow conditions in the Peace Bond and must “keep the peace and be of good behaviour”.

You can get a Peace Bond against anyone. You do not need to have been married or in a relationship with the person to get a Peace Bond against them.

A Peace Bond is different from a Restraining Order from Family Court. You can only get a Restraining Order against someone who you are married to or lived with or if you have a child with them.

3 When Can You Apply for a Peace Bond?

You can apply for a Peace Bond if you can show that you have reason to be afraid that the person will:

- hurt you or anyone in your family, your child, or pet, or
- share an intimate image or video of you without your consent, or
- damage your property

To apply for a Peace Bond, you do not need to have any other court case with the person.

The Peace Bond can be in effect for up to one year.

If the person does not follow the conditions in the Peace Bond, the police can charge them with a crime.

It is important for you to have a **Safety Plan** as the Peace Bond can take a long time to get from criminal court.

4 How to Apply for A Peace Bond

For more information on applying for a peace bond see the Guided Pathway for applying for a peace bond at <https://stepstojustice.ca/guided-pathways/guided-pathways-guided-pathway-for-applying-for-a-peace-bond/>

Find a courthouse:
<https://www.ontario.ca/locations/courts>





Get Help

Speak to a lawyer. While you do not need a lawyer to help you get a Peace Bond, it is always a good idea to speak with a lawyer.

For Help from Lawyers

Legal Aid Ontario: 1-800-668-8258

Community Legal Clinics

<https://www.legalaid.on.ca/legal-clinics/>

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic:

416-323-9149; <https://www.schliferclinic.com/>

Luke's Place Virtual Legal Clinic:

1-866-516-3116; <https://lukesplace.ca/>

JusticeNet

<https://www.justicenet.ca/>

For Help with Family Violence

Emergency (police, ambulance, fire): 911

Assaulted Women's Helpline: 1-866-863-0511

Find a women's shelter

www.sheltersafe.ca

Victim Support Line: 1-888-579-2888

Legal Information

Family Law Education for Women

<https://onefamilylaw.ca/>

Ontario Women's Justice Network

<https://owjn.org/>

Community Legal Education Ontario

<https://www.cleo.on.ca/en>

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