



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Injunction for Protection Petitions are Received and Processed by the Clerk of Court

Domestic violence affects hundreds of Collier County residents each year. Throughout the month of October, the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court will be observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in an effort to highlight resources available to women and men experiencing domestic violence.

Violence can occur in households any time regardless of income, race, age, gender or zip code. But during the ongoing pandemic, the risk of violence in homes is fueled by physical and social isolation, school challenges and financial hardship.

Injunction for Protection

Anyone experiencing domestic violence or threats of violence has the right to ask the court for an Injunction for Protection. An Injunction for Protection usually places court-ordered restrictions on the abuser that are intended to protect the victim.

Petitions are received and processed during business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and are always free of charge. Staff are available to assist the petitioner to determine which of the five types of petitions is most fitting based on the specific situation, and then work fast to ensure the petition is quickly processed and answered by a judge. Last year our office has processed 559 petitions for protective injunctions.

Petitions are received and processed at two locations:

Clerk of Court-Collier Courthouse Annex, 3rd floor
3315 Tamiami Trail E.
Naples, Florida 34112
(239) 252-2646

Clerk of Court-Immokalee Satellite Office
106 South First St.
Immokalee, Florida 34142
(239) 252-2902

Know the important steps to take and resources available if you are experiencing domestic violence:

- If you are in immediate danger, always call 9-1-1 for assistance from law enforcement;
- Contact our office 239-252-2646 to learn more about filing an injunction;
- Call the 24- Hour Crisis Hotline at 239-775-1101;
- Visit the www.NaplesShelter.org to learn about services, advocacy and sheltering;
- Call the 24-hour crisis hotline operated by the [Shelter for Abused Women and Children](#)