

OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

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Protective Order Forms Project

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The 88th Texas Legislature passed <u>SB 48</u> which requires the Office of Court Administration to create standardized forms for the application and issuance of protective orders (Chapters 71- 85, Family Code; Chapter 7B, Subchapter A, Code of Criminal Procedure); magistrate's orders for emergency protection (Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure); and temporary ex parte orders (Chapter 83, Family Code; Article 7B.002, Code of Criminal Procedure). The deadline for the creation and posting of the forms on the OCA website is **June 1, 2024** (<u>SB 48</u>, Section 9).

In the meantime, to find the most current protective order kit approved by the Supreme Court of Texas, please go to <u>https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1457024/protective-order-kit-english.pdf</u>.

Forms for Magistrate's Orders for Emergency Protection can be found on the following websites:

Texas Justice Courts Training Center: <u>https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/forms.html</u>

Emergency Protective Order (EPO)

EPO Modification Hearing - Order

Texas Municipal Courts Education Center:

https://www.tmcec.com/resources/books/forms_book/ (Part V. Magistrate Duties, starting on page 57)

Magistrate's Order of Emergency Protection
Magistrate's Record of Service of Order of Emergency Protection
Clerk's Letter: Copy of Magistrate's Order of Emergency Protection
Motion to Modify Magistrate's Order of Emergency Protection
Order Modifying Magistrate's Order of Emergency Protection
Magistrate's Order of Confidentiality of Certain Information in Order For
Emergency Protection

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