



Information Sheet

Protection Against Violence

What is a temporary injunction?

A court order for temporary measures against offences including domestic abuse or 'stalking' represents **legal proceedings** with which, if successful, the accused would be prohibited from contacting you or living in the same residence for an extended period.

However, please note that the **costs incurred should the case lose** (court and representation costs) cannot be covered completely by state aid.

The more **informative documents there are on the case** included with the application, the more likely it is that a positive result can be reached quickly - however the situation does not have to be completely outlined (which does speed up the process).

Should few or no documents be included, it is unfortunately probable that the application will either not be successful or if indeed, first decided upon **some weeks later** after an oral hearing.

What are things to note when applying for a temporary injunction at the court office?

For the above reasons, **as many of the following documents** should be **brought with you** when applying:

- Accurate (if necessary handwritten) **chronological listing of the events** of the last few days / weeks / months
- in the case of physical assault: **Medical certificate** of the afflicted injuries (if applicable)
- in the case of filed criminal charges: **Police case numbers** (where applicable, statements on the charges filed)
- **Documentation on police operations carried out** (eg. in the case of domestic violence)
- Should **witnesses** be present: **brief written account** of the events which can be testified (with address and signature of the witness)
- Current **exact address** (or usual place of residence) **of the opposing party**.
- Should **legal aid** be applied for for the proceedings, documents showing the financial situation must be included (payment slips, notices from social authorities, account statements etc.)

Notice

In order to avoid language difficulties, we recommend that you bring someone with you who can speak and understand both your own language and German.