



Don't Miss Your Court Date

Tennessee Courts have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

But you must attend your Order of Protection hearing unless you are 100% certain that the Court has rescheduled it for a future date. Remember the following:

- **Tennessee courts are open.** If the clerk's offices close, you will be able to call, email, or fax during regular business hours.
- If you have any questions about your hearing date, please **contact the clerk's office at the courthouse where your hearing will be held.**
- **Tennessee courts are having in-person hearings for order of protection and other abuse cases**—even if they are not in other types of cases.
- If the Court tells you that your Order of Protection hearing has been rescheduled, **your temporary Order of Protection will stay in place until the hearing**—if you have a temporary order of protection.
- If you have an Order of Protection or temporary restraining order that will end between 3/15/20 and 5/5/20, **it will stay in place until 5/6/20.**
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- If you have a hearing, **you may bring your lawyer and witnesses.** Nobody else will be allowed to go to the courthouse with you.
- **The judge and their staff will tell you how to stay safe through social distancing** when you arrive at court.
- **If you lose your Order of Protection hearing and want to file an appeal, you should do so ASAP—even if the deadline to file it has been extended.**



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