

4-505.

(a) (1) If, AFTER A HEARING ON a petition [is filed under this subtitle and the], WHETHER EX PARTE OR OTHERWISE, A [court] JUDGE finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a person eligible for relief has been abused, the [court, in an ex parte proceeding,] JUDGE may enter a temporary PROTECTIVE order to protect any person eligible for relief from abuse.

(2) The temporary [ex parte] PROTECTIVE order may order any or all of the following relief:

(i) order the respondent to refrain from further abuse or threats of abuse of a person eligible for relief;

(ii) order the respondent to refrain from contacting, attempting to contact, or harassing any person eligible for relief;

(iii) order the respondent to refrain from entering the residence of a person eligible for relief;

(iv) where the person eligible for relief and the respondent are residing together at the time of the alleged abuse, order the respondent to vacate the home immediately and award temporary use and possession of the home to the person eligible for relief or in the case of alleged abuse of a child or alleged abuse of a vulnerable adult, award temporary use and possession of the home to an adult living in the home, provided that the court may not grant an order to vacate and award temporary use and possession of the home to a nonspouse person eligible for relief unless the name of the person eligible for relief appears on the lease or deed to the home or the person eligible for relief has resided in the home with the respondent for a period of at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;

(v) order the respondent to remain away from the place of employment, school, or temporary residence of a person eligible for relief or home of other family members;

(vi) order the respondent to remain away from a child care provider of a person eligible for relief while a child of the person is in the care of the child care provider; and

(vii) award temporary custody of a minor child of the person eligible for relief and the respondent.

(b) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A law enforcement officer immediately shall serve the temporary [ex parte] PROTECTIVE order on the alleged abuser under this section.

(2) A RESPONDENT WHO HAS BEEN SERVED WITH AN INTERIM PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER § 4-504.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE SERVED WITH THE TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER IN OPEN COURT OR, IF THE RESPONDENT IS NOT PRESENT AT THE TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING, BY ~~FIRST-CLASS~~ FIRST-CLASS MAIL AT THE RESPONDENT'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.