

Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPN) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO)

INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PERPETRATORS

Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN)

Why have I been served with a DVPN?

You have been served with a Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN) by the police because you are aged over 18 and the police reasonably believe that you have been violent or have threatened violence against another person and that they need to be protected from you.

The law allows the police to serve a DVPN on you even if the other person does not agree to it.

What does a DVPN do?

A DVPN places certain conditions on you which may include:

- stopping you from entering, and being within a certain distance, of your home;
- stopping you from making the other person leave or excluding them from your home;
- requiring you to leave your home.

What happens if we live at the same address?

If you live at the address specified in the DVPN and the DVPN requires you to leave immediately then you must leave straight away.

You will be able to take with you possessions that you may need.

You will have to find somewhere else to live and your local authority may be able to provide advice.

The police will ask you for an alternative address and a contact telephone number where you may be reached in the next 48 hours.

What happens if I do not follow the conditions of the DVPN?

You may be arrested, kept in police custody and then brought before a Magistrates' Court, where the court will consider issuing a DVPO (see over).

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www.lincs.police.uk/onlinereporting




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Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO)

What is a DVPO?

A Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) is an order applied for by the police and made by the Magistrates' Court.

When will the case go to court?

The police will give you a time and date to appear at the Magistrates' Court. The court will hear an application for a DVPO within 48 hours (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) of you being served with a DVPN by the police.

If you do not attend the Magistrates' Court, **then a DVPO can be made in your absence.**

The law allows the Magistrates to make a DVPO against you even if the other person does not agree to it. In addition, the Magistrates will take into account the welfare of anyone under 18 who the police consider will be affected by the DVPO. If the court makes a DVPO against you, an application will be made by the Police for you to pay the costs of bringing this case to court. This will include the court fee and legal costs.

What happens at court?

At court all the evidence will be heard and you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and give evidence yourself. The Court will then decide whether to make a DVPO.

If an order is made it will last for **a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 28 days.**

The Order may:

- stop you from entering, and being within a certain distance, of your home;
- stop you from making the other person leave or exclude them from your home;
- require you to leave your home.

What happens if I do not follow the conditions of the DVPO?

You may be arrested and kept in custody. Within 24 hours (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) you will be seen before a Magistrates' court and could be fined up to £5000 and/or sent to prison for up to 2 months.

Do I need legal representation?

If you want to be represented at your court hearing you are advised to seek legal advice and assistance as soon as you can. If you are eligible, legal aid may also be available.

If you are in police custody for breach of a DVPN or DVPO then you will have access to free legal advice and assistance.

If you are eligible, legal aid may also be available.

Contact details of available advice and support services

If you want to:

- Change your behaviour,
- Understand your behaviour,
- Understand how it affects your partner and children,
- Stop your behaviour,

then the agency below may be able to help you.

RESPECT PHONELINE

Freephone: **0808 802 4040**

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm

Confidential helpline, email and webchat service for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Website: www.respectphoneline.org.uk

Email: info@respectphoneline.org.uk