**INTERIM BARRING ORDER**

**What is an Interim Barring Order?**

While you are waiting for a court hearing, an Interim Barring Order can be granted if the court thinks there are reasonable grounds to believe you or your dependants are at significant risk of harm.

An Interim Barring Order requires an abusive person to leave the family home. It also prohibits using or threatening to use violence against you and/or any dependent children. It is only valid until the court hearing for the Barring Order takes place.

**Who can apply for an Interim Barring Order?**

* Spouses and civil partners regardless of how long they have lived together
* Cohabiting couples if they have lived six out of the last nine months together and the abusive partner does not own all of or most of the house
* Parents against their own child if he/she is over 18 years of age but the adult child must not own all or most of the house

It is best to apply as soon as possible after an abusive incident

**How do you apply for an Interim Barring Order?**

If you live in Dublin, you must go to the Dublin District Family Law Office - Dolphin House, Essex Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 (01) 888 6349.

You can also go to the Dublin District Court Office, Swords if this is near to where you live (01) 888 6625.

You do not need legal representation for an initial application, however, it is recommended that there is legal representation for the full court hearing. If you cannot afford a solicitor you can apply for [Free Legal Aid](http://www.flac.ie/help/centres/)

**What do I need to bring?**

* Proof of identity i.e. passport, drivers licence
* The abusive person’s address if they are not currently living with you
* If it is not your first application against this person, any reference numbers from previous cases

**Possible Outcomes**

* An interim barring order is put in place to protect you and is valid up until the date of the [safety](http://www.domesticabuse.ie/legal/) or [barring order](http://www.domesticabuse.ie/legal/) hearing.
* An interim barring order will only last for 8 working days.
* The Order takes effect from when abusive person is notified of it by the Court or Gardaí.