

**Alaska Court System**  
**Procedures for Processing Protective Orders Issued by Other**  
**Jurisdictions**  
AS 18.66.140

A certified copy of an unexpired protective order issued by another jurisdiction may be filed with an Alaska court.

A protective order issued in another jurisdiction has the same effect and must be recognized and enforced in the same manner as a protective order issued by an Alaska court, regardless of whether the protective order is filed with the court, if the protective order is

- (1) issued by a court of the United States, a court of another state or territory, a United States military tribunal, or a **tribal court**;
- (2) related to domestic violence; and
- (3) entitled to full faith and credit under 18 U.S.C. 2265.

Once filed, the court must give a copy of the order to a peace officer for entry into Alaska's Central Registry of Protective Orders.

Protective orders issued by other jurisdictions are not processed in the same manner as other foreign judgments. For example, the court does **not** distribute or serve a copy of the filed protective order on the other party.

Acceptance of an order for filing does not mean the court has determined that the order is enforceable.

Any party may challenge the enforceability of a foreign protective order (or parts of an order) by filing a motion to stay enforcement (or another appropriate motion). A peace officer who has questions about the enforceability of an order should speak with their superior officer. A party who has questions about the enforceability of an order should consider speaking with an attorney or a domestic violence advocate.

## **Processing a foreign protective order:**

- A. Verify that the filing is a **certified copy** of an order that appears to be in effect, in full or in part. Do not call the issuing court to verify that the order is still in effect. (See January 10, 2000 letter from then Administrative Director Stephanie Cole to Commissioner of Public Safety Ron Otte.)

### **Faxed Protective Orders**

Clerks shall accept faxed certified copies of protective orders issued by other states, tribes, or territories if-

(1) the order is faxed by the issuing court, and

(2) the facsimile contains a completed [Verification Form for Filing a Foreign Domestic Violence Restraining Order by Fax \(DV-215\)](#).

B. No filing fee required.

C. File stamp the order, indicating the date of filing.

D. Initiate a *Foreign Protective Order* case in CourtView.

E. Write the case number on all documents.

F. Tie documents in case file.

G. Distribute a copy of order to appropriate local law enforcement agency for entry into Alaska's Central Registry of Protective Orders. Do **NOT** distribute or serve this order on either party.

H. Note distribution on court's copy of order.

J. Close file.

Alaska's Central Registry of Protective Orders is contained in Alaska's Public Safety Information Network (APSIN). All active protective orders that are issued by or filed with the Alaska Court System are entered into the registry. Expired protective orders are stored as a historical record in APSIN. Law enforcement officers have access to both active and expired orders.