

## Article - Family Law

4-506.

(a) A respondent under § 4-505 of this subtitle shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the court should issue a protective order.

(b) (1) The temporary ex parte order shall state the date and time of the protective order hearing.

(2) Unless continued for good cause, the protective order hearing shall be held no later than 7 days after the temporary ex parte order is served on the respondent.

(c) If the respondent appears for the protective order hearing, has been served with the temporary ex parte order, or the court otherwise has personal jurisdiction over the respondent, the court:

(1) may proceed with the protective order hearing; and

(2) if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the alleged abuse has occurred, or if the respondent consents to the entry of a protective order, the court may grant a protective order to protect any person eligible for relief from abuse.

(d) The protective order may include any or all of the following relief:

(1) order the respondent to refrain from abusing or threatening to abuse any person eligible for relief;

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

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

(4) where the person eligible for relief and the respondent are residing together at the time of the 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 shared the home with the respondent for a period of at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;

(5) 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;

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