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Procedure for Filing Protection from Abuse (PFA) Petitions

- PFA petitions are filled out through DVSSP's Legal Advocacy office. The office is located at 45 East Main St, Uniontown on the 2nd floor – **not** in the courthouse.
- A DVSSP legal advocate can be reached at 724-562-7016 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri) for instructions on how to file. A legal advocate will assist with filling out a petition.
- Once a petition is filled out, a petitioner will be required to speak to a judge the same day. Our office will contact a judge to find out when they will conduct temporary PFA hearings.
- Magisterial District Courts only assist with filing an emergency PFA after 3:00 p.m. and on weekends. A petitioner should be directed to the booking center located at 45 East Penn St, Uniontown to file an emergency PFA. Their phone number is 724-438-1760.
- Emergency PFAs are valid until the end of the next business day – the petitioner must contact DVSSP to file a temporary PFA.

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