

Domestic Violence FAQ – Florida

Q: What qualifies as domestic violence in Florida?

A: Domestic violence includes assault, battery, stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death between family or household members.

Q: Who can file for an injunction (restraining order)?

A: Anyone who is a victim of domestic violence or has reasonable cause to believe they are in imminent danger can file for an injunction in Florida.

Injunctions for Protection

Q: What types of injunctions are available?

A:

- Domestic Violence Injunction
- Repeat Violence Injunction
- Dating Violence Injunction
- Sexual Violence Injunction
- Stalking Injunction

Q: How quickly can I get protection?

A: Emergency (ex parte) injunctions can be granted the same day. A full hearing is typically scheduled within 15 days.

Q: What happens at the injunction hearing?

A: Both parties present evidence. The judge decides whether to issue a final injunction, which may include custody, residence, and firearm restrictions.

Defense Against Accusations

Q: Can I be arrested without physical evidence?

A: Yes. Florida law allows arrest based on a victim's statement alone. Legal representation is critical to protect your rights.

Q: What are the consequences of a domestic violence conviction?

A: Penalties may include jail time, probation, loss of firearm rights, mandatory counseling, and impact on custody or employment.

Q: Can I fight a false accusation?

A: Absolutely. We investigate inconsistencies, gather evidence, and build a strong defense to protect your reputation and freedom.