

Ireland - Intimate Partner Violence

Legal provisions on protection orders

Barring Order:an order which requires the violent person to leave the family home. The order also prohibits the person from further violence or threats of violence, and from watching or being near your home. It can be applied for by a Barring Order (spouse can apply, cohabitant, parent or child).

Interim Barring Order:an immediate order, requiring the violent person to leave the family home. (put violent person out of home), **Protection Order** (does not put violence person out of home) safety order, breach of court order.

Safety Order:an order of the court which prohibits the violent person from further violence or threats of violence. It does not oblige the person to leave the family home.

Protection Order:an interim Safety Order.

A breach of any of the above Court Orders is a criminal offence.

Observations

Intimate Partner / Domestic Violence: "Domestic Violence has not been defined in legislation." However, there is a Domestic Violence Act (1996) which says it is: "an act to make provision for the protection of a spouse and any children or other dependent persons, and of persons in other domestic relationships, whose safety or welfare requires it because of the conduct of another person in the domestic relationship concerned and for that purpose to repeal and re-enact with amendments the provisions of the family law (protection of spouses and children) act, 1981 , to provide for arrest without warrant in certain circumstances, to provide for the hearing at the same time of certain applications to a court under more than one enactment for orders relating to domestic relationships and to provide for other connected matters."