

# New domestic abuse regulations

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New regulations have been added to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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## Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (County Court: Relevant Proceedings) Regulations 2024

Section 31(7) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 allows the county court to issue a domestic abuse protection order against an individual involved in any relevant proceedings.

Both the people against whom the order is made, and the person being protected, must be parties to these proceedings. This regulation defines what constitutes 'relevant proceedings' for this purpose.

The regulation came into force on 8 April 2024.

- [Read the Domestic Abuse Protection Orders Regulations 2024](#)

## Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Regulation 2 adds the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) to the list of specified public authorities who can be requested to cooperate with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner in any way that the Commissioner considers necessary for the purposes of the Commissioner's functions (pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act).

Therefore, the IOPC will be required, so far as reasonably practicable, to comply with such a request.

The regulation came into force on 16 April 2024.

- [Read the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#)

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