



**NAME OF ACTIVITY:** Order of Protection: It's Just a Piece of Paper!

**Possible Uses:** Practice discussing the validity and use of protective orders with various people.

**Target Audience:** Professionals that work with domestic violence cases

**Time:** 20-25 minutes

**Objectives:** Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify talking points and strategies to discuss the importance, validity, and usefulness of protective orders.

**Key Terms & Concepts:** Protective Orders

**Equipment or Materials Needed:** Online: breakout rooms  
In-person: white board or flip chart

**Preparation:** N/A

**Instructions:**

- Distribute the Orders of Protection: It's Just a Piece of Paper handout.
- Divide audience into three – six groups.
- Have each group discuss one of the questions on the handout. You can also have each group discuss all three questions.
- Give participants 10 – 15 minutes to discuss the questions.
- Bring the participants back together in a large group. Ask groups to share the highlights of their discussion.

**NOTE:** N/A

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# An Order of Protection? “It’s just a piece of paper!”



- A person who experiences domestic violence may express this frustration out of fear or prior experience with the criminal justice system. How might you respond to this person?
- A police officer, prosecutor, or judge may say this to minimize the effectiveness of an Order or to demonstrate that these are not taken seriously. How might you respond?
- What are some strategies your community can implement to begin to take Orders of Protection more seriously?

