

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
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Supreme Court

If you are in the process of getting a divorce, separation or annulment, you can request an order of protection from the Supreme Court at any time before the trial or settlement is final. Discuss your need for an order of protection with your lawyer. However, having changes made to a Supreme Court order of protection can be very time consuming and costly. If you think you will need the order of protection to be modified in the future, you should ask your attorney about the practice in your county for allowing Supreme Court orders to be modified in Family Court. In some counties this is very easy, in others a certain period of time must pass before it can happen, and in still others it must be specifically requested and/or included in the original order.