

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
2004 Domestic Violence Handbook

**Which Courts You Can Go To**

You may go to If you are	▶ Family Court	▼ Criminal Court	Supreme Court
an		Criminal prosecution is necessary to get an Order of Protection	If there is an ongoing divorce or separation proceeding
Legally married to abuser	■	■	■
Divorced from abuser/ no children	■	■	■
Divorced from abuser/ with children	■	■	■ and you have a custody or visitation order
Never legally married to abuser/with children	■	■	
Never legally married to abuser/no child(ren)		■	