

State Projects: Indiana  
Protection Order E-filing

**INDIANA PROTECTION ORDER E-FILING**

Indiana has launched a protection order electronic filing service. This service increases court access by allowing victims to e-file for a protection order without the risk of presenting at the courthouse. They can file from a library, home, shelter, or other secure location. Any connection to the internet will allow them to complete the petition electronically. This may result in a victim obtaining an *ex parte* order for relief without ever leaving their secure location. The information entered by the petitioner into the system is transmitted to Indiana's statewide Protection Order Registry. This registry interfaces with the Indiana Data and Communications System and, in turn, NCIC. This ensures data accuracy and eliminates duplicate data entry by the court clerk. Indiana is currently training judges, court staff, and advocates on the use and benefit of the service.