

# Motions for Emergency Relief

- Emergency hearings occur at 1:30pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- To receive emergency relief you must be able to sufficiently show that there is imminent risk of substantial and immediate physical harm or harassment to a party or minor child. Meaning a child or party was *recently* at risk of serious harm, not speculative harm, but *actual harm*.
- To receive an Emergency hearing you must complete the following:
  1. Contact the other party or parties at least 24 hours before the hearing. Hearings occur at 1:30pm M/W/F, so by 1:30pm Sun/Tues/Thur notice must be given to all parties. Notice to the other party or parties must be through the method specified and contain the court's specific address and all other information detailed (see notice requirements in the Motion for Emergency paperwork). Lack of notice or incomplete notice to all parties involved may result in the Court denying your request
  2. Complete the necessary paperwork and file by noon the day of the hearing, or the day before if you have a Fee Waiver
  3. You and the other party or parties should appear in the civil clerk's office, first floor (Room 100), before 1:30pm on the day you desire to be heard, having already provided notice to the other party or parties and having completed and filed the necessary paperwork as indicated above
  4. You must come prepared to show evidence that a party or child is at risk of imminent harm, speculation of harm is **not** enough
- You must file a Complaint or Motion with your Emergency request – Motion to Modify Custody, Complaint for Absolute Divorce, Complaint for Custody, etc. – An Emergency Hearing, if granted, only results in a temporary order. You are filing one of the above pleadings at the same time as or prior to the motion for emergency relief to request permanent relief
- If you are granted Emergency relief this order is temporary, you must proceed with the rest of your case until you receive a final order, which provides permanent relief. If your case is dismissed before receiving a final order, your temporary Emergency order is no longer enforceable, unless specified for a certain amount of time