

What is the difference between a 50B Protective Order and a 50C No Contact Order?

50B Domestic Violence Protective Order

In order to file for a DVPO against the abuser, you must have a "personal relationship" with the abuser. North Carolina law defines only certain categories of relationships as meeting the definition of a "personal relationship" for the purpose of being able to file a DVPO. You can file for this type of protective order if you and the person you are filing against are:

- Current or former spouses
- Persons of the opposite sex who currently live together or have lived together in a domestic relationship
- Your child, a parent, a grandchild or grandparent
- Have a child in common
- Current or former household members
- Persons of the opposite sex who are currently dating or have been in a dating relationship

Available filing locations for 50B Protective Orders include:

- Rape Crisis of Cumberland County
- Cross Creek Substation of Fayetteville Police Department
- Hope Mills Town Hall Building for the Hope Mills Police Department's Victims Advocate
- Army Community Center of Fort Bragg
- Cumberland County Clerk of Court "SAFE-LINK" Office

50C No Contact Order

A Civil No-Contact Order (commonly referred to as a "50C order") is designed specifically for victims of sexual assault or stalking who do NOT have a "personal relationship" with the offender. You can file for this type of restraining order if you and the person you are filing against have any other relationship not listed under the 50B Domestic Violence Protective Order criteria or the person is unknown to you.

In addition to NOT having a personal relationship with the offender, you must have been the victim of "unlawful conduct." North Carolina defines "unlawful conduct" as:

"The commission of one or more of the following acts by a person 16 years of age or older upon a person, but does not include acts of self-defense or defense of others." The acts included are nonconsensual sexual conduct, even if there was only one incident, and stalking. Stalking is defined as "on more than one occasion, following or otherwise harassing... another person without legal purpose with the intent to" either "place the person in reasonable fear either for the person's safety or the safety of the person's immediate family or close personal associates" or "cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress by placing that person in fear of death, bodily injury, or continued harassment and that in fact causes that person substantial emotional distress."

Available filing location for a 50C No Contact Order:

- Cumberland County Clerk of Court "SAFE-LINK" Office

Walk-ins for the "SAFE-LINK" Office are only accepted Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

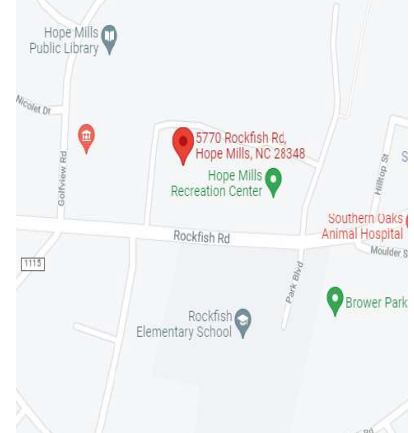
The Phoenix Center
519 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC



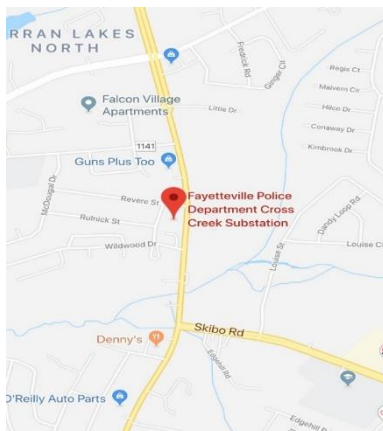
Cumberland County Clerk of Court "Safe Link" Office
Cumberland County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Room 340
117 Dick St. Fayetteville, NC



Hope Mills Town Hall
Police Dept. Victims Advocate
5770 Rockfish Rd. Hopemills, NC



Fayetteville Police Department
Cross Creek Substation
6147 Raeford Rd. Fayetteville, NC



Army Community Service
Normandy Drive
(Soldier Support Center 3rd Floor)
BLDG 4-2843, Fort Bragg NC

