



What happens if an Emergency Prohibition Order isn't granted?

If a crime is happening now or someone's life is in danger, call 911.

Sometimes a judge may decide not to issue an Emergency Prohibition Order, or can cancel it.

This may happen if:

- the legal threshold isn't met (for example, if there isn't enough evidence of an immediate safety concern)
- there isn't enough information available
- the judge decides that other responses may be more appropriate

Even if an order is not granted or expires, the risk can still be real and you can ask for support.

You may decide to:

- contact police if safety concerns increase
- apply for protection orders through family court
- create a safety plan with an organization like Ottawa Victim Services
- seek legal advice
- connect with community organizations

If the order isn't granted, the subject won't be told about the order (the subject is the person whose access to weapons would have been affected by the order.)

Support Services

If an Emergency Prohibition Order wasn't granted and you're worried about violence or safety, support service organizations can help.

Assaulted Women's Helpline
awhl.org

Luke's Place (Legal & Family Court Support)
lukesplace.ca

Ottawa Victim Services
ovs-svo.com

**Lanark County Interval House
& Community Support**
lcih.org | 613-257-5960 (crisis line)

Hope for Wellness Helpline
(for Indigenous individuals)
hopeforwellness.ca

Immigrant Women Services Ottawa
immigrantwomenservices.com

Interval House Ottawa
intervalhouseottawa.org

You find more support services at ovs-svo.com/resources.

If you think someone's in danger right now, consider calling 911.

