

Source: [Domestic Abuse Draft Statutory Guidance Framework](#)

Jurisdiction	Name	Purpose	Process	Relevant Legislation	Is a breach a Criminal Offence?	Sanction for breach
Civil proceedings (magistrates')	Domestic Violence Protection Orders	Intended to provide immediate and short-term cessation of contact between perpetrator and victim.	Separate from criminal proceedings (if any). Police make an application to the magistrates' court.	Crime and Security Act 2010	No	Max 2 years imprisonment (for civil contempt)
Civil proceedings (magistrates')	Violent Offender Orders	For those convicted of specified serious violent offences to protect the public from the risk of serious violent harm.	Post-conviction	Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008	Yes	5 years imprisonment max
Civil proceedings (magistrates')	Sexual Risk Order	Protection from harm where risk from person shown to have carried out certain sexual behaviour.	Not dependent on conviction.	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014	Yes	5 years imprisonment max
Civil proceedings (magistrates')	Notification order	Makes a sexual offender who has been convicted or cautioned abroad subject to the notification requirements. Used where necessary to prevent sexual harm.	Post foreign conviction. Police make an application.	Sexual Offences Act 2003	Yes	5 years imprisonment max

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Civil proceedings (magistrates')	Stalking Protection Order	Early intervention to prevent escalation of stalking behaviour. Can be used where there is proof to a criminal standard of stalking behaviour (but not necessarily conviction) before a charge is brought.	Not dependent on criminal proceedings. Police make an application.	Stalking Protection Act 2019	Yes	5 years imprisonment max
Civil proceedings (magistrates')	Injunction	To be used if victims are not legally associated to their abuser (e.g. marriage, sharing parental responsibilities, living together), provides for a restraining order and the victim can claim damages.	Victim brings civil proceedings.	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (s.3)	Yes	Contempt 2 years imprisonment max; or conviction 5 years
Criminal proceedings (Magistrates or Crown court)	Restraining Orders	To allow a court to protect a victim from an offender/defendant.	Prosecutor applies to criminal court on conviction or acquittal for any offence.	Protection from Harassment Act 1997	Yes	5 years imprisonment max
Criminal proceedings (Magistrates or Crown court)	Sexual Harm Prevention Order	To protect the public from sexual harm from an offender.	Post-conviction. Prosecutor applies to criminal court on conviction.	Sexual Offences Act 2003	Yes	5 years imprisonment max

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Criminal proceedings (Magistrates or Crown court)	Criminal Behaviour Orders	Can be used to prevent further incidents of domestic abuse.	Prosecutor applies to the criminal court on conviction.	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014	Yes	5 years imprisonment max
Family proceedings	Occupation Orders	Determines who can and/or cannot occupy particular premises for a period of time.	Victim makes application to the family court.	Family Law Act 1996	No	n/a
Family proceedings	Forced Marriage Protection Order	Can be used where person has been subjected to or is at risk of forced marriage.	Not dependent on criminal proceedings. Person to be protected or representative applies to family court.	Family Law Act 1996	Yes	Contempt 2 years imprisonment max; or conviction 5 years
Family proceedings or civil proceedings	Non-molestation orders	To prohibit a person from molesting another person.	By a court of its own volition if a child involved otherwise on application. Victim or representative applies to Family Court.	Family Law Act 1996	Yes	5 years imprisonment max

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