

How do I get ready for the full hearing?

Make some notes to yourself about the main points to make when it is your turn to talk at the full hearing. You can refer to what you wrote in the Petition as the Judge has reviewed your petition and will consider the facts already presented in the petition. There is no need to repeat facts already in the petition.

How do I present evidence at the full hearing?

1. **Audio/video:** You must bring a copy of the audio/video on a USB or CD AND bring a device to play the audio/video. The Court is not permitted to play an outside memory device, as the device may have a virus. If you want to play the audio/video from your phone, the Court will retain your phone for 30 days, which is the time period for a party to appeal the Court's decision. In place of having you play certain messages, the judge may just ask you to testify about what the messages or audio says.

2. **Text/Instagram/Facebook messages:**

You must print out a copy of the messages you want the Court to see. You must also provide a copy for the other side. The Court Clerks do not make copies for parties.

3. **Any documents:**

You must print out a copy of any documents you want the Court to see. You must also provide a copy for the other side. The Court Clerks do not make copies for parties.

4. **Statements of other people/witnesses:**

Witnesses do not usually testify at protection order hearings unless the Judge rules that the witness's testimony is necessary and material. Witnesses can file a written sworn statement describing what they saw or heard. The written statement needs to have this statement at the bottom:

"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (and any attachments) are true."

You must file witness declarations in the court file before the hearing. Bring any other documents you want the judge to consider. Bring copies for the other side of all of your documents you want the Judge to see. The court clerks do not make copies for you. You have the right to ask for more time to review copies of anything served on you at the last minute.