



**Protection Order Burdens**  
**Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director**  
**House Judiciary, February 4, 2021**

**Relief From Abuse Orders – 15 V.S.A. 1103 & 1104**

<b>Order</b>	<b>Burden</b>	<b>Party Seeking Relief</b>
Emergency Relief From Abuse Order	Preponderance of the Evidence for all orders and conditions	Plaintiff/Victim
Final Relief From Abuse Order	Preponderance of the Evidence for all orders and conditions	Plaintiff/Victim

**Sexual Assault/Stalking Orders – 13 V.S.A. 5133 & 5134**

<b>Order</b>	<b>Burden</b>	<b>Party Seeking Relief</b>
Emergency Order Against Stalking and Sexual Assault	Preponderance of the Evidence for all orders and conditions	Plaintiff/Victim
Final Order Against Stalking and Sexual Assault	Preponderance of the Evidence for all orders and conditions	Plaintiff/Victim

**Extreme Risk Protection Orders – 13 V.S.A. 4054 & 4055**

<b>Order</b>	<b>Burden</b>	<b>Party Seeking Relief</b>
Emergency Extreme Risk Protection Order	Preponderance of the Evidence for all orders and conditions	State of Vermont/State's Attorney
Extreme Risk Protection Order Renewal	Clear and Convincing	State of Vermont/State's Attorney