

What is a Protection Order?

It is an order issued by the Barangay or the Court to prevent further acts of violence against a woman or her child and to grant other necessary relief, under RA 9262. There are three (3) kinds of protection order:

1. Barangay Protection Order (BPO)
2. Temporary Protection Order (TPO)
3. Permanent Protection Order (PPO)

Who may apply for Protection Order?

Anyone of the following may apply for protection order

- a. the offended party
- b. parents, or guardians of the offended party
- c. ascendants, descendants or collateral relatives, within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity
- d. officers or social workers of the DSWD or LGUs
- e. police officers, preferably those in-charge of women and children's desk
- f. punong barangay or barangay kagawad
- g. lawyers, counselors, therapists, health care providers of the petitioner
- h. at least two (2) concerned citizens of the city or municipality where VAWC happened and who have personal knowledge of the offence committed

Where to Report

**Barangay VAW Desk in your
Barangay Hall**

**Provincial/ City/ Municipal Social
Welfare and Development Office of
Local Government Units**

**Department of Social Welfare and
Development (DSWD)**

**Philippine National Police (PNP)
Women and Children Protection
Center**

**National Bureau of Investigation
(NBI)
Anti-Violence Against Women and
Children Desk (VAWCD)**

**Department of Justice- Public
Attorney's Office (DOJ-PAO)**

References:

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Republic Act 9262

**Anti-Violence Against
Women and their Children
(VAWC) Act of 2004**



REPUBLIC ACT 9262 ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) ACT OF 2004

What is VAWC under RA 9262?

It refers to any act committed by any person against a woman and a child which result in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering or economic abuse including threats of such act, battery, assault, coercion, harassment or arbitrary deprivation of liberty.

VAWC includes, but is not limited to the following acts:

1. **Physical Violence** – refer to acts that include bodily or physical harm;



2. **Sexual Violence** – refers to an act which is sexual in nature, committed against a woman or her child. It includes, but is not limited to rape, sexual harassment, acts of lasciviousness, treating a woman or

her child as a sex object, making demeaning and sexually suggestive remarks, makes the victim engage in sexual activity and prostituting a woman or child;

3. Psychological Violence: refers to acts or omissions causing or likely to cause mental or emotional suffering of the victim such as but not limited to Intimidation, harassment, stalking, damage to property, public ridicule or humiliation, repeated verbal abuse and marital infidelity; and



4. **Economic Abuse** refers to acts that make or attempt to make a woman financially dependent. This includes but is not limited to the following: Withdrawal of financial support or preventing the victim from engaging in any legitimate profession, occupation, business or activity, deprivation of financial resources and the right to conjugal community or property owned in common, destroying household property or controlling the victim's own money or properties.

Is VAWC committed by men alone?

Women can also be liable under the law. These are the lesbian partners/ girlfriends or former partners of the victim with whom she has or had a sexual or dating relationship.

Who may file a complaint?

Any citizen having a personal knowledge of the circumstances involving the commission of the crime may file a complaint.

Where should cases for VAWC be filed?

Cases may be filed in the Regional Trial Court designated as FAMILY COURT of the place where the crime was committed. These courts have original and exclusive jurisdiction over these cases.

What are the penalties for committing VAWC?

Offenders proven in court guilty of the crime shall be penalized with:

- Imprisonment ranging from 1 month and 1 day to 20 years
- Payment of P100,000 to P300,000 in damages
- Mandatory psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment

