

**Adams County Rules of Conduct, Office Standards and Civil  
Procedure for Magisterial District Judges**

***ACTIONS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE RELIEF***

**Rule 1203. Limitation on Jurisdiction**

Emergency orders for protection pursuant to either the Protection From Abuse Act or Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Act may be issued by a Magisterial District Judge at the following times:

- A. on Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on the next day the Court of Common Pleas is open for business;
- B. during weekend periods, from 3:30 p.m. on Friday (or otherwise, 3:30 p.m. on the last day of the week on which the Court of Common Pleas is open for business) to 8:00 a.m. on the next day the Court of Common Pleas is open for business; and
- C. during any holiday and at any other time that all Judges are declared to be unavailable, or the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County is not open for business by Administrative Order entered by the President Judge.

**Rule 1210. Duration of Emergency Protection Orders**

If an emergency order of protection has issued pursuant to either the Protection From Abuse Act or Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Act, the plaintiff shall be informed of the following:

- A. that the Magisterial District Judge's emergency order will expire at the close of the next Court of Common Pleas business day and, that a further temporary order may be issued only by a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County;
- B. if the plaintiff seeks the issuance of a temporary order, on the next Court of Common Pleas business day, the Plaintiff shall prepare and file a petition in the form required by the Rules of Civil Procedure and shall appear before a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.
- C. if the plaintiff requests the issuance of a temporary order, the next business day in the Court of Common Pleas, a Judge will, at the earliest possible time consistent with his/her schedule, conduct an ex parte temporary hearing with the plaintiff.

**Rule 1211. Certification to Court of Common Pleas**

A certification of the Magisterial District Judge's record for emergency order shall be forwarded to Court Administration by 8:30 a.m. the next business day, who shall immediately file the record with the Prothonotary's Office so that the record is available to the Court of Common Pleas.

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