

More information

FGM Protection Orders are not intended to criminalise families; instead they are designed to support families in keeping their daughters safe from FGM. If you want to know more about the orders please speak with your social worker or follow the links below.

- ✓ More information about the National FGM Centre can be found at www.nationalfgmcentre.org.uk
- ✓ More information about FGM Protection Orders and factsheets can be found at www.gov.uk/government/collections/female-genital-mutilation
- ✓ More information about Female Genital Mutilation can be found at www.nationalfgmcentre.org.uk/fgm
- ✓ If you are worried and want to talk to someone, you can call the NSPCC FGM Helpline on 0800 028 3550



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Information about FGM Protection Orders For Families



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Information about FGM Protection Orders

What are FGM Protection Orders?

A legal document issued by the family courts to protect woman and girl's who are at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). You will not have to reveal your identity or pay to apply for a protection order.

Who can ask for an FGM Protection Order?



The **girl/woman** who is at risk of Female Genital Mutilation



The **local authority** who are concerned a girl may be at risk of Female Genital Mutilation



Any other person the **court gives permission** to; including teachers, family members or the police.

How does someone apply for an FGM Protection Order?

The person who is applying has to fill out a form explaining:

- why they feel a girl/woman is a risk of FGM
- what needs to happen to keep the girl/woman safe including preventing her from traveling or stopping someone seeing her alone.

If the judge agrees you need a protection order, they'll decide whether to give you a permanent or temporary order. They might ask you to provide more information before they make a decision.

Using FGM Protection Orders

What can be included in an FGM Protection Order?

The order can include anything the judge at court feels is necessary to protect the girl/woman from FGM. This could include:



Asking for the parents and/or girl to be worked with to educate them about FGM and how to keep safe.



Asking that the girl has supervised/restricted contact with people who have been identified as a risk.



Removing the girl's passport so she can't be taken out of the country.

The order can be in place as long as the judge feels is necessary to keep the girl/woman safe; from weeks to years.

You can request that the order be reviewed by the court at intervals to see if it is still needed. If the judge feels it is no longer need, it can be removed.

An FGM Protection Order can be used alongside other court orders such as Emergency Protection Orders and Restraining Orders.



You can contact the police or apply to get the respondent arrested if they do not follow the restrictions set out in your protection order.