



The Virginia HOPE Card Project

The Hope Card Program allows anyone with a valid, long-term order of protection (issued in a participating county) for domestic violence, stalking and/or sexual assault to request a card that summarizes the order's most important details to provide law enforcement with critical information in the case of a potential violation of the order.

HOPE Card Program FAQ's


What is a HOPE card? The HOPE Card is a laminated card, similar in size and shape to a credit card. It contains essential information about a civil protection order in a durable, easy-to-read format, such as: • Identifying characteristics of the person being ordered to “stay away” • Issue date of the order • Expiration date of the order • Terms of the order

Is a Hope Card a substitute for an order of protection? No, it is simply a more durable means of providing pertinent information about the existing order. **Law enforcement still must verify the order in VCIN.**

How much does a HOPE Card cost? Hope Cards are free. You may request one card per protected individual. Additional card requests will be approved on a case by case basis. A maximum of (5) cards per order is allowed, unless additional protected parties are listed on the order.

Who can get a HOPE Card? Hope Cards are only available for long-term civil protection order holders issued in counties participating in the HOPE card project. Hope Cards are not issued for temporary protection orders, for 14-day protection orders or for “no contact” orders in a criminal case.

Who manages the Hope Card program and how can I obtain more information? The HOPE Card Project Coordinator, Jaime Clemmer, may be contacted for information about the card. To find out if your county participates contact your local JDR Clerk or the Victim/Witness office, or contact Jaime Clemmer at jclemmer@vacourts.gov.



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