

**MASON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**  
**PROTECTION ORDER HEARING**  
**GUIDELINES**

The following Guidelines have been adopted by the Mason County Superior Court for Protection Order Hearings arising from Petitions for Anti-Harassment (RCW 10.14), Sexual Assault (RCW 7.90), Domestic Violence (RCW 26.50) and Vulnerable Adult (RCW 74.34) Protection Orders.

1. All evidentiary hearings set as a result of a Protection Order request will be held via the Zoom platform. The hearing can be accessed on the scheduled time and date by a computer/smart phone at <https://zoom.us/j/6142410088> or from a phone by dialing +1 253 215 8782, meeting ID# 614 241 0088. The parties are to access Zoom ten minutes prior to the hearing.
2. The evidence that *may be* considered during the evidentiary hearing will be limited to the Petition and other documents/pleadings initially filed by the Petitioner, written Declarations, exhibits and testimony of the Petitioner and/or the Respondent. The alleged Vulnerable Adult (in the Vulnerable Adult Protection Order matters) will also be allowed to testify.
3. All proposed Exhibits are to be delivered to the Clerk's office not later than 1 day before the scheduled hearing.
4. The Judge/Commissioner presiding over the hearing, at his/her discretion, may allow additional testimony from other witness(es) on a limited basis; may limit cross-examination; and will consider request(s) for an in-person hearing.
5. Under CR 6(d), all opposing Declarations are to be served not later than 1 day before the hearing, unless the court permits them to be served at some other time.