

These notes refer to the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 26 April 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Second part – Stalking Protection Orders

10. The Act introduces provision for Stalking Protection Orders to provide protection to a person at risk of stalking. They will enable early police intervention pre-conviction to address stalking behaviours before they become entrenched or escalate in severity and to protect victims from more serious harm. Stalking Protection Orders can equally be made post-conviction to help to prevent further stalking.
11. The police will be able to apply to the court for a Stalking Protection Order if it appears that a person has carried out acts associated with stalking; poses a risk associated with stalking to another person and there is reasonable cause to believe the Stalking Protection Order is necessary to protect another person from such risk.