

Protective Custody:

Authorized legal action for immediate protection of a child

- As provided by the Juvenile Act
- By a physician examining or treating the child (limited to 24 hours or a court order is required)
- By the director or designee of a hospital or medical institution (limited to 24 hours or a court order is required)

Protective Custody (continued):

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- By a court order
- By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court

Criteria:

- Reasonable grounds to believe that the child is suffering from illness or injury
- The child is in imminent danger
- The child is a runaway