

**PLAINTIFF'S GUIDE SHEET TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

This form is provided to explain the Protective Order process. It is recommended, but not required, that you carry a copy of the Protective Order at all times.

**1. You can request one of the following types of Protective Orders:**

**ORDER OF PROTECTION:** An Order of Protection is used for family relationships such as: 1) married, now or in the past; 2) live together, now or in the past; 3) have a child in common; 4) one of you is pregnant by the other; or 5) you are a relative (parent, in-law, brother, sister, or grandparent). You must state an act of domestic violence that was threatened or committed against you within the last year.

**INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT:** The Defendant has committed a series of harassing acts against you in the last year. This type can be used for a dating relationship without living together.

**INJUNCTION AGAINST WORKPLACE HARASSMENT:** This Injunction, alleging harassment, is filed by an employer or owner of a business for the benefit of an employee or the business.

**2. OTHER PROTECTED PERSONS:** It is possible you will be referred to the Adult Civil Court Division if your children are listed as protected persons in this Order. Only a judge in the Adult Civil Division can decide child custody or parenting time in a separate action.

**3. ONE DEFENDANT:** You must list only one defendant per petition. A separate petition must be filed for each defendant. **A copy of your petition and the Order will be given to the Defendant and may be used in future judicial proceedings.**

**4. SERVICE AND EFFECT: Once a defendant is served, the Protective Order is valid for 6 months.** It is enforceable in any state or tribal nation in the United States. You may renew the Protective Order before the 6 months expires by contacting the court. If the Protective Order is not served, the court will send one courtesy letter to you. The Court will dismiss the Order if it is not served after 1 year.

**5. PROTECTIVE ORDER HEARING:** The Defendant has a right to request a hearing within 10 business days after the Protective Order is served. The hearing date will be within 10 business days after a written request is filed with this court. If you do not appear at the hearing, your Order may be dismissed. You must notify the court of any change in your contact information so you are notified of hearing dates and times.

**6. CHANGING OR REMOVING A PROTECTIVE ORDER:** Only a judge can change or remove a Protective Order. If you file an action for maternity, paternity, annulment, legal separation, or dissolution against the Defendant, tell the court at once. **Nothing you do can stop, change, or undo a Protective Order without the Court's written approval.**

**7. PLAINTIFF CONTACT:** Even if you are the one who makes contact, the Defendant can be arrested for violating the Protective Order. **If the Defendant does not want you to contact him/her, the Defendant has the right to request a Protective Order against you.**

**8. LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDBY:** If either you or the Defendant need to get personal belongings from the other, you may request the judge order a police officer to standby. Standby allows you or the Defendant to return to the residence once with the police to get your belongings. Police officers cannot resolve conflicts over property, title, furniture, finances, real estate, or other ownership issues.

**9. FIREARMS:** You may request the judge to order the Defendant not to possess, receive, or purchase firearms or ammunition.

**10. COUNSELING:** If requested, counseling for the Defendant can only be ordered at a hearing at which you and the Defendant appear.

**11. PUBLIC ACCESS:** See next page to keep your address(es) private.

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PRINT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM AND ON THE PETITION.

Your Name

Your Address

( )

Your Daytime Telephone Number

City, State, ZIP

If the Defendant does not know where you live or work, you may ask the Court keep your address confidential. If checked, the addresses will not appear on the petition served on the Defendant:

[ ] Restrict home address [ ] Restrict work address [ ] Restrict other address [ ] Restrict school address

Your relationship to the defendant is:

- [ ] married now or in the past
[ ] live together now or lived together in the past
[ ] parent of a child in common
[ ] one party is pregnant by the other
[ ] relative (parent, in-law, brother, sister, or grandparent)
[ ] dating-never lived together
[ ] Other

Defendant's Name

Defendant's Address

( )

Defendant's Daytime Telephone Number

City, State, ZIP

DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS

Give the information below to the best of your knowledge. If you don't know the Defendant's date of birth, estimate it and check the "Est." box.

Table with 5 columns: SEX, RACE, DOB Est. [ ], HT, WT. Row 2: EYES, HAIR, ENROLLMENT NUMBER. Row 3: DRIVER'S LICENSE #, STATE, EXP DATE.

Work Address:

Other places/addresses where Defendant may be found:

Alias(es):