



REQUEST FOR CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDERS COVERSHEET

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| Instructions: | PLEASE TAKE THIS PACKET WITH YOU AND REVIEW IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE FILLING OUT ANY OF THE FORMS. | |
| Please Note: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The statute defines "HARASSMENT" as unlawful violence, a creditable threat of violence, or knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person and seriously alarms, annoys or harasses the person, and serves no legitimate purpose.• A one-time, non-violent incident is not sufficient for a Civil Harassment Restraining Order. A Civil Harassment Restraining Order CANNOT be issued on a group, organization, or location. | |
| Filing Fee: | If your request DOES NOT MEET the criteria above, there will be a filing fee according to the statewide uniform fee schedule. | |
| Important: | Section 68082 of the Government Code prohibits the Court Clerk from giving legal advice. This includes advice on how to fill out documents. Please seek the advice of an attorney. | |
| Assistance: Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office | The Family Law Facilitator's Office provides free assistance with Civil Harassment Restraining Orders. Before visiting in person , please check the Facilitator's monthly schedule on the Court's website for walk-in clinic and call-in hours: https://eldorado.courts.ca.gov/ . | |
| | Family Law Facilitator's Office 495 Main Street Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 621-5098 selfhelp@eldorado.courts.ca.gov | |
| Judicial Council Forms: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CH-100 Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders• CH-109 Notice of Court Hearing• CH-110 Temporary Restraining Order• CLETS-001 Confidential CLETS Information• CH-130 Civil Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing <p>For additional forms and information, please visit the California Courts' website at: https://www.courts.ca.gov/, or contact the Facilitator's Office listed above.</p> | |
| Informational Forms: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CH-100-INFO Can a Civil Harassment Restraining Order Help Me?• CH-200-INFO What is Proof of Personal Service? | |
| Filing Locations: | West Slope Placerville Building C Branch 2850 Fairlane Court, Suite 120 Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 621-5047 https://eldorado.courts.ca.gov/ | South Lake Tahoe South Lake Tahoe Branch 1354 Johnson Blvd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 (530) 573-3075 https://eldorado.courts.ca.gov/ |

Read *Can a Civil Harassment Restraining Order Help Me?* (form [CH-100-INFO](#)) before completing this form. Also fill out *Confidential CLETS Information* (form [CLETS-001](#)) with as much information as you know.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

1 Person Seeking Protection

a. Your Full Name: _____

Age: _____

Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case)

Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Firm Name: _____

b. Your Address (If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

2 Person From Whom Protection Is Sought

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Address (if known): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3 Additional Protected Personsa. Are you asking for protection for any other family or household members? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list them:

| Full Name | Gender | Age | Lives with you? | How are they related to you? |
|-----------|--------|-------|--|------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |

☐ Check here if there are more persons. Attach a sheet of paper and write "Attachment 3a—Additional Protected Persons" for a title. You may use form [MC-025](#), Attachment.

b. Why do these people need protection? (Explain below):

☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 3b—Why Others Need Protection" for a title.

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4 Relationship of Parties

How do you know the person in ②? (Explain below):

- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 4—Relationship of Parties" for a title.

5 Venue

Why are you filing in this county? (Check all that apply):

- a. ☐ The person in ② lives in this county.
b. ☐ I was harassed by the person in ② in this county.
c. ☐ Other (specify): _____

6 Other Court Cases

- a. Have you or any of the persons named in ③ been involved in another court case with the person in ②?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, check each kind of case and indicate where and when each was filed.)

| Kind of Case | Filed in (County/State) | Year Filed | Case Number (if known) |
|--|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Harassment | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce, Nullity, Legal Separation | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity, Parentage, Child Custody | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Eviction | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Violence | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): | _____ | _____ | _____ |

- b. Are there now any protective or restraining orders in effect relating to you or any of the persons in ③ and the person in ②? ☐ No ☐ Yes (If yes, attach a copy if you have one.)

7 Description of Harassment

Harassment means violence or threats of violence against you, or a course of conduct that seriously alarmed, annoyed, or harassed you and caused you substantial emotional distress. A course of conduct is more than one act.

- a. Tell the court about the last time the person in ② harassed you.

- (1) When did it happen? (provide date or estimated date): _____
(2) Who else was there? _____

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- 7** a. (3) How did the person in **2** harass you? *(Explain below):*
- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 7a(3)—Describe Harassment" for a title.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- (4) Did the person in **2** use or threaten to use a gun or any other weapon?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No *(If yes, explain below):*
- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 7a(4)—Use of Weapons" for a title.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- (5) Were you harmed or injured because of the harassment?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No *(If yes, explain below):*
- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 7a(5)—Harm or Injury" for a title.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- (6) Did the police come? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, did they give you or the person in **2** an Emergency Protective Order? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, the order protects *(check all that apply):*
- ☐ Me ☐ The person in **2** ☐ The persons in **3**.
- (Attach a copy of the order if you have one.)*
- b. Has the person in **2** harassed you at other times?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No *(If yes, describe prior incidents and provide dates of harassment below):*
- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 7b—Previous Harassment" for a title.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Check the orders you want. b**8 ☐ Personal Conduct Orders**

I ask the court to order the person in (2) **not** to do any of the following things to me or to any person to be protected listed in (3) :

- a. ☐ Harass, intimidate, molest, attack, strike, stalk, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), hit, abuse, destroy personal property of, or disturb the peace of the person.
- b. ☐ Contact the person, either directly or indirectly, in **any** way, including, but not limited to, in person, by telephone, in writing, by public or private mail, by interoffice mail, by email, by text message, by fax, or by other electronic means.
- c. ☐ Other (*specify*):
☐ *Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 8c—Other Personal Conduct Orders," for a title.*
- _____
- _____
- _____

The person in (2) will be ordered not to take any action to get the addresses or locations of any protected person unless the court finds good cause not to make the order.

9 ☐ Stay-Away Orders

- a. I ask the court to order the person in (2) to stay at least _____ yards away from (*check all that apply*):

- | | |
|---|--|
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Me. | (8) <input type="checkbox"/> My vehicle. |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> The other persons listed in (3). | (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>): |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> My home. | _____ |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> My job or workplace. | _____ |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> My school. | _____ |
| (6) <input type="checkbox"/> My children's school. | _____ |
| (7) <input type="checkbox"/> My children's place of child care. | _____ |

- b. If the court orders the person in (2) to stay away from all the places listed above, will he or she still be able to get to his or her home, school, or job? ☐ Yes ☐ No (*If no, explain below*):
☐ *Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 9b—Stay-Away Orders," for a title.*
- _____
- _____

10 ☐ Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, and Ammunition

Does the person in (2) own or possess any firearms (guns), firearm parts, or ammunition? This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

If the judge grants a protective order, the person in (2) will be prohibited from owning, possessing, purchasing, receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive firearms (guns), firearm parts, and ammunition while the protective order is in effect. The person in (2) will also be ordered to turn in to law enforcement, or sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts within their immediate possession or control. If an order is granted, the person in (2) will also be prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying body armor and would have to relinquish any they have.

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11 ☐ **Temporary Restraining Order**

I request that a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) be issued against the person in ② to last until the hearing. I am presenting form CH-110, *Temporary Restraining Order*, for the court's signature together with this *Request*.

Has the person in ② been told that you were going to go to court to seek a TRO against him or her?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If you answered no, explain why below):

☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 11—Temporary Restraining Order" for a title.

12 ☐ **Request to Give Less Than Five Days' Notice of Hearing**

You must have your papers personally served on the person in ② at least five days before the hearing, unless the court orders a shorter time for service. (Form CH-200-INFO explains What Is "Proof of Personal Service"? Form CH-200, Proof of Personal Service, may be used to show the court that the papers have been served.)

If you want there to be fewer than five days between service and the hearing, explain why below:

☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 12—Request to Give Less Than Five Days' Notice" for a title.

13 ☐ **No Fee for Filing or Service**

- a. ☐ There should be no filing fee because the person in ② has used or threatened to use violence against me, has stalked me, or has acted or spoken in some other way that makes me reasonably fear violence.
- b. ☐ The sheriff or marshal should serve (notify) the person in ② about the orders for free because my request for orders is based on unlawful violence, a credible threat of violence, or stalking.
- c. ☐ There should be no filing fee and the sheriff or marshal should serve the person in ② for free because I am entitled to a fee waiver. (You must complete and file form FW-001, Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs.)

14 ☐ **Lawyer's Fees and Costs**

I ask the court to order payment of my ☐ lawyer's fees ☐ Court costs.

The amounts requested are:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| | \$ | | \$ |
| | \$ | | \$ |
| | \$ | | \$ |

☐ Check here if there are more items. Put the items and amounts on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 14—Lawyer's Fees and Costs" for a title.

This is not a Court Order.



15 ☐ **Possession and Protection of Animals**

I ask the court to order the following:

- a. ☐ That I be given the sole possession, care, and control of the animals listed below, which I own, possess, lease, keep, or hold, or which reside in my household.

(Identify animals by, e.g., type, breed, name, color, sex.)

I request sole possession of the animals because *(specify good cause for granting order)*:

- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 15a—Possession of Animals" for a title.


- b. ☐ That the person in **(2)** must stay at least _____ yards away from, and not take, sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, molest, attack, strike, threaten, harm, or otherwise dispose of, the animals listed above.

16 ☐ **Additional Orders Requested**I ask the court to make the following additional orders *(specify)*:

- ☐ Check here if there is not enough space for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 16—Additional Orders Requested," for a title.

17 Number of pages attached to this form, if any: _____


Date: _____

Lawyer's name (if any)

Lawyer's signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above and on all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print your name

*Sign your name***This is not a Court Order.**

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

1 Person Seeking Protection

a. Your Full Name: _____

Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):

Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Firm Name: _____

b. Your Address *(If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email.)*

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:**2 Person From Whom Protection Is Sought**

Full Name: _____

*The court will complete the rest of this form.***3 Notice of Hearing****A court hearing is scheduled on the request for restraining orders against the person in ②:**

Name and address of court if different from above:

**Hearing
Date**

→ Date: _____ Time: _____
 Dept.: _____ Room: _____

To the person in ②:

- If you attend the hearing (in person, by phone, or by videoconference) and the judge grants a restraining order against you, the order will be effective immediately, and you could be arrested if you violate the order.
- If you do not attend the hearing, the judge may still grant the restraining order that could last up to five years. After you receive a copy of the order, you could be arrested if you violate the order.

4 Temporary Restraining Orders *(Any orders granted are on form CH-110, served with this notice.)*a. Temporary Restraining Orders for personal conduct and stay-away orders as requested in form CH-100, *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*, are (check only one box below):(1) ☐ All **GRANTED** until the court hearing.(2) ☐ All **DENIED** until the court hearing. *(Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)*(3) ☐ Partly **GRANTED** and partly **DENIED** until the court hearing. *(Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)*

b. Reasons for denial of some or all of those personal conduct and stay-away orders as requested in form CH-100, *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*, are:

(1) ☐ The facts as stated in form CH-100 do not sufficiently show acts of violence, threats of violence, or a course of conduct that seriously alarmed, annoyed, or harassed the person in ① and caused substantial emotional distress.

(2) ☐ Other (*specify*): ☐ As stated on Attachment 4b.

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⑤ Confidential Information Regarding Minor

a. ☐ A request to keep minor's information confidential was made (see form CH-160) and **GRANTED**. (*See form CH-165, Order on Request to Keep Minor's Information Confidential, served with this form.*)

b. **If the request was granted, the information described in item ⑦ on the order (form CH-165) must be kept CONFIDENTIAL. The disclosure or misuse of the information is punishable as a sanction, with a fine of up to \$1,000 or other court penalties.**

⑥ Service of Documents for the Person in ①

At least ☐ five ☐ _____ days before the hearing, someone age 18 or older—not you or anyone to be protected—must personally give (serve) a court's file-stamped copy of this form CH-109 to the person in ② along with a copy of all the forms indicated below:

a. CH-100, *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders* (file-stamped)

b. ☐ CH-110, *Temporary Restraining Order* (file-stamped) **IF GRANTED**

c. CH-120, *Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders* (blank form)

d. CH-120-INFO, *How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders?*

e. ☐ CH-170, *Notice of Order Protecting Information of Minor* and CH-165, *Order on Request to Keep Minor's Information Confidential* (file-stamped) **IF GRANTED**

f. ☐ Other (*specify*): _____

Date: _____

Judicial Officer



To the Person in ① :

- The court cannot make the restraining orders after the court hearing unless the person in ② has been personally given (served) a copy of your request and any temporary orders. To show that the person in ② has been served, the person who served the forms must fill out a proof of service form. Form CH-200, *Proof of Personal Service*, may be used.
- For information about service, read form CH-200-INFO, *What Is "Proof of Personal Service"?*
- You may ask to reschedule the hearing if you are unable to find the person in ② and need more time to serve the documents, or for other good reasons. Read form CH-115-INFO, *How to Ask for a New Hearing Date*.
- You must attend the hearing if you want the judge to make any of the orders you requested on form CH-100, *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*. Bring any evidence or witnesses you have. For more information, read form CH-100-INFO, *Can a Civil Harassment Restraining Order Help Me?*

To the Person in ② :

- If you want to respond to the request for orders in writing, file form CH-120, *Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*, and have someone age 18 or older—**not you or anyone to be protected**—mail it to the person in ①.
- The person who mailed the form must fill out a proof of service form. Form CH-250, *Proof of Service by Mail*, may be used. File the completed form with the court before the hearing and bring a copy with you to the court hearing.
- Whether or not you respond in writing, go to the hearing if you want the judge to hear from you before making an order. You may tell the judge why you agree or disagree with the orders requested.
- You may bring witnesses and other evidence.
- At the hearing, the judge may make restraining orders against you that could last up to five years and may order you to turn in to law enforcement, or sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts that you own or possess. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). If an order is granted, you will also be prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying body armor and will have to relinquish any body armor you have.
- If you are unable to attend your court hearing or need more time to prepare your case, you may ask to reschedule your court date. Read form CH-115-INFO, *How to Ask for a New Hearing Date*.

**Request for Accommodations**

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to www.courts.ca.gov/forms for *Disability Accommodation Request* (form [MC-410](#)). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

(Clerk will fill out this part.)

—Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Notice of Court Hearing* is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.

Clerk's Certificate
[seal]

Date: _____

Clerk, by _____, Deputy

Person in ① must complete items ①, ②, and ③ only.

① Protected Person

- a. Your Full Name: _____
- Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):
- Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____
- Firm Name: _____
- b. Your Address (If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email.):
- Address: _____
- City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
- Email Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of _____

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number: _____

② Restrained Person

(Give all the information you know. Information with a star (*) is required to add this order to the California police database. If age is unknown, give an estimate.)

*Full Name: _____ *Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Race: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

*Gender: ☐ M ☐ F ☐ Nonbinary Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Protected Person: _____

③ ☐ Additional Protected Persons

In addition to the person named in ①, the following family or household members of that person are protected by the temporary orders indicated below:

| Full Name | Gender | Age | Household Member? | Relation to Protected Person |
|-----------|--------|-------|--|------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |

☐ Check here if there are additional persons. List them on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 3—Additional Protected Persons" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

④ Expiration Date

The court will complete the rest of this form.

This Order expires at the end of the hearing scheduled for the date and time below:

Date: _____ Time: _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.

This is a Court Order.

7 b. Prohibited items are:

- (1) Firearms (guns);
- (2) Firearm parts, meaning receivers, frames, or any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531); and
- (3) Ammunition.

c. You must:

- (1) Sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts in your immediate possession or control. This must be done within 24 hours of being served with this Order.
- (2) File a receipt with the court within 48 hours of receiving this Order that proves that your firearms (guns) and firearm parts have been turned in, sold, or stored. (You may use *Receipt for Firearms and Firearm Parts* (form CH-800) for the receipt.)

- d. ☐ The court has received information that you own or possess a firearm (gun), firearm parts, or ammunition.

8 No Body Armor

You cannot own, possess, or buy body armor (defined in Penal Code section 16288). You must relinquish any body armor you have in your possession.

9 Possession and Protection of Animals

☐ **Not Requested** ☐ **Denied Until the Hearing** ☐ **Granted as Follows (specify):**

- a. ☐ The person in ① is given the sole possession, care, and control of the animals listed below, which are owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by him or her, or reside in his or her household.
(Identify animals by, e.g., type, breed, name, color, sex.)

- b. ☐ The person in ② must stay at least _____ yards away from, and not take, sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, molest, attack, strike, threaten, harm, or otherwise dispose of, the animals listed above.

10 Other Orders

☐ **Not Requested** ☐ **Denied Until the Hearing** ☐ **Granted as Follows (specify):**

- ☐ Additional orders are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 10.

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To the Person in ① :**⑪ Mandatory Entry of Order Into CARPOS Through CLETS**

This Order must be entered into the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS) through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). (*Check one*):

- a. ☐ The clerk will enter this Order and its proof-of-service form into CARPOS.
- b. ☐ The clerk will transmit this Order and its proof-of-service form to a law enforcement agency to be entered into CARPOS.
- c. ☐ By the close of business on the date that this Order is made, the person in ① or his or her lawyer should deliver a copy of the Order and its proof-of-service form to the law enforcement agency listed below to enter into CARPOS:

Name of Law Enforcement Agency

Address (City, State, Zip)

- ☐ Additional law enforcement agencies are listed at the end of this Order on Attachment 11.

⑫ No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person ☐ Ordered ☐ Not Ordered

The sheriff or marshal will serve this Order without charge because:

- a. ☐ The Order is based on unlawful violence, a credible threat of violence, or stalking.
- b. ☐ The person in ① is entitled to a fee waiver.

⑬ Number of pages attached to this Order, if any: _____

Date: _____

Judicial Officer

Warnings and Notices to the Restrained Person in ②**You Cannot Have Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, or Ammunition**

You cannot own, have, possess, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or otherwise get any prohibited items listed in item 7b on page 3 while this Order is in effect. If you do, you can go to jail and pay a \$1,000 fine. You must sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts that you have or control as stated in item ⑦ above. The court will require you to prove that you did so.

Notice Regarding Nonappearance at Hearing and Service of Order

If you have been personally served with this Temporary Restraining Order and form CH-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*, but you do not appear at the hearing either in person or by a lawyer, and a restraining order that is the same as this Temporary Restraining Order except for the expiration date is issued at the hearing, a copy of the order will be served on you by mail at the address in item ②.

If this address is not correct or you wish to verify that the Temporary Restraining Order was converted into a restraining order at the hearing without substantive change, or to find out the duration of the order, contact the clerk of the court.

This is a Court Order.



After You Have Been Served With a Restraining Order

- Obey all the orders.
- Read form CH-120-INFO, *How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders?*, to learn how to respond to this Order.
- If you want to respond, fill out form CH-120, *Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*, and file it with the court clerk. You do not have to pay any fee to file your response if the Request claims that you inflicted or threatened violence against or stalked the person in ①.
- You must have form CH-120 served by mail on the person in ① or that person's attorney. You cannot do this yourself. The person who does the mailing should complete and sign form CH-250, *Proof of Service by Mail*. File the completed proof of service with the court clerk before the hearing date or bring it with you to the hearing.
- In addition to the response, you may file and have declarations served, signed by you and other persons who have personal knowledge of the facts. You may use form MC-030, *Declaration*, for this purpose. It is available from the clerk's office at the court shown on page 1 of this form or at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. If you do not know how to prepare a declaration, you should see a lawyer.
- Whether or not you file a response, you should attend the hearing. If you have any witnesses, they must also go to the hearing.
- At the hearing, the judge can make restraining orders against you that last for up to five years. Tell the judge why you disagree with the orders requested.

Instructions for Law Enforcement

Enforcing the Restraining Order

This order is enforceable by any law enforcement agency that has received the order, is shown a copy of the order, or has verified its existence on the California Restraining and Protective Orders System (CARPOS). If the law enforcement agency has not received proof of service on the restrained person, the agency must advise the restrained person of the terms of the order and then must enforce it. Violations of this order are subject to criminal penalties.

Start Date and End Date of Orders

This order *starts* on the date next to the judge's signature on page 4. The order *ends* on the expiration date in item ④ on page 1.

Arrest Required if Order Is Violated

If an officer has probable cause to believe that the restrained person had notice of the order and has disobeyed the order, the officer must arrest the restrained person. (Pen. Code, §§ 836(c)(1), 13701(b).) A violation of the order may be a violation of Penal Code section 166 or 273.6. Agencies are encouraged to enter violation messages into CARPOS.

This is a Court Order.



Notice/Proof of Service

The law enforcement agency must first determine if the restrained person had notice of the order. Consider the restrained person “served” (given notice) if (Pen. Code, § 836(c)(2)):

- The officer sees a copy of the Proof of Service or confirms that the Proof of Service is on file; or
- The restrained person was informed of the order by an officer.

An officer can obtain information about the contents of the order and proof of service in CARPOS. If proof of service on the restrained person cannot be verified, the agency must advise the restrained person of the terms of the order and then enforce it.

If the Protected Person Contacts the Restrained Person

Even if the protected person invites or consents to contact with the restrained person, this order remains in effect and must be enforced. The protected person cannot be arrested for inviting or consenting to contact with the restrained person. The order can be changed only by another court order. (Pen. Code, § 13710(b).)

Conflicting Orders—Priorities for Enforcement

If more than one restraining order has been issued protecting the protected person from the restrained person, the orders must be enforced in the following priority (see Pen. Code, § 136.2 and Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2), 6405(b)):

1. *Emergency Protective Order (EPO)*: If one of the orders is an *Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-001), provisions (e.g., stay-away order) that are more restrictive than in the other restraining/protective orders must be enforced. Provisions of another order that do not conflict with the EPO must be enforced.
2. *No-Contact Order*: If a restraining/protective order includes a no-contact order, the no-contact order must be enforced. Item 5a(2) is an example of a no-contact order.
3. *Criminal Protective Order (CPO)*: If none of the orders include an EPO or a no-contact order, the most recent CPO must be enforced. (Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2) and 6405(b).) Additionally, a CPO issued in a criminal case involving charges of domestic violence, Penal Code sections 261, 261.5, or former 262, or charges requiring sex offender registration must be enforced over any civil court order. (Pen. Code, § 136.2(e)(2).) All provisions in the civil court order that do not conflict with the CPO must be enforced.
4. *Civil Restraining Orders*: If there is more than one civil restraining order (e.g., domestic violence, juvenile, elder abuse, civil harassment), then the order that was issued last must be enforced. Provisions that do not conflict with the most recent civil restraining order must be enforced.

(Clerk will fill out this part.)

Clerk's Certificate
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—Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Temporary Restraining Order* is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

This is a Court Order.

CLETS-001 Confidential Information for Law Enforcement

Instructions: If you are asking for a restraining order, you must complete this form and give it to the court clerk, along with the other court forms required in your case. If the judge grants the restraining order, information you give on this form will be entered into a database (called CLETS) to help law enforcement enforce the order. If information changes later, you may complete this form again and turn it in to the court.

To Court Clerk: Do not file this form. The information on this form must be entered into the protective order registry in CLETS.

Court fills in case number when form is received.

Case Number:

Information that has a star (*) next to it is required. All other information is helpful.

Date received by court: _____

1 Person You Want a Restraining Order Against

*Name: _____
Other names used: _____
Marks, scars, or tattoos: _____ SSN: _____
Telephone: _____ Driver's license (number and state): _____
Vehicle type: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Plate number: _____
Name of employer and address: _____

Does the person speak English? ☐ Yes ☐ I don't know ☐ No (list language): _____

Does the person have any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or body armor?

☐ No ☐ I don't know

☐ Yes (Give any information you have below, like the type, amount, or location of any items, if known.)

2 *Your Name: _____

(Skip 3 and 4 if you are asking for a gun violence restraining order (form GV-100).)

3 Your Information

*Age: _____ Date of Birth (month, day, year): _____ *Gender: ☐ M ☐ F ☐ X (nonbinary)
Race: _____ Telephone: _____
Do you speak English? ☐ Yes ☐ No (list language): _____

4 Other People You Want Protected

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| *Name: _____ | *Gender: _____ | Race: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| *Name: _____ | *Gender: _____ | Race: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| *Name: _____ | *Gender: _____ | Race: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |
| *Name: _____ | *Gender: _____ | Race: _____ | Date of Birth: _____ |

☐ Check here if you have more people to list. Write them on a separate piece of paper, write "Item 4" at the top, and attach it to this form.

This is not a Court Order—Do not place in court file.

Civil Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Person in ① must complete ①, ②, and ③ only.

① Protected Person

a. Your Full Name: _____

Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case)

Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Firm Name: _____

b. Your Address (If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of _____

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number: _____

② Restrained Person

(Give all the information you know. Information with a star (*) is required to add this order to the California police database. If age is unknown, give an estimate.)

*Full Name: _____ *Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Race: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

*Gender: ☐ M ☐ F ☐ Nonbinary Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Protected Person: _____

③ ☐ Additional Protected Persons

In addition to the person named in ①, the following family or household members of that person are protected by the orders indicated below:

| Full Name | Gender | Age | Lives with you? | How are they related to you? |
|-----------|--------|-------|--|------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ |

☐ Check here if there are additional persons. List them on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 3—Additional Protected Persons" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

④ Expiration Date

This Order, except for any award of lawyer's fees, expires at

Time: _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. ☐ midnight on (date): _____

If no expiration date is written here, this Order expires three years from the date of issuance.

This is a Court Order.



5 Hearing

- a. There was a hearing on *(date)*: _____ at *(time)*: _____ in Dept.: _____ Room: _____
(Name of judicial officer): _____ made the orders at the hearing.
- b. These people were at the hearing:
- (1) ☐ The person in ①. (3) ☐ The lawyer for the person in ① *(name)*: _____
- (2) ☐ The person in ②. (4) ☐ The lawyer for the person in ② *(name)*: _____
- ☐ Additional persons present are listed at the end of this Order on Attachment 5.
- c. ☐ The hearing is continued. The parties must return to court on *(date)*: _____ at *(time)*: _____.

To the Person in ②:

The court has granted the orders checked below. If you do not obey these orders, you can be arrested and charged with a crime. You may be sent to jail for up to one year, pay a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

6 ☐ Personal Conduct Orders

- a. You must **not** do the following things to the person named in ①
- ☐ and to the other protected persons listed in ③:
- (1) ☐ Harass, intimidate, molest, attack, strike, stalk, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), hit, abuse, destroy personal property of, or disturb the peace of the person.
- (2) ☐ Contact the person, either directly or indirectly, in **any** way, including, but not limited to, in person, by telephone, in writing, by public or private mail, by interoffice mail, by email, by text message, by fax, or by other electronic means.
- (3) ☐ Take any action to obtain the person's address or location. If this item (3) is not checked, the court has found good cause not to make this order.
- (4) ☐ Other *(specify)*: _____
- ☐ Other personal conduct orders are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 6a(4).
- b. Peaceful written contact through a lawyer or process server or other person for service of legal papers related to a court case is allowed and does not violate this Order.

7 ☐ Stay-Away Orders

- a. You **must** stay at least _____ yards away from *(check all that apply)*:
- (1) ☐ The person in ①. (7) ☐ The place of child care of the children of the person in ①.
- (2) ☐ Each person in ③.
- (3) ☐ The home of the person in ①. (8) ☐ The vehicle of the person in ①.
- (4) ☐ The job or workplace of the person in ①. (9) ☐ Other *(specify)*: _____
- (5) ☐ The school of the person in ①. _____
- (6) ☐ The school of the children of the person in ①. _____

- b. This stay-away order does not prevent you from going to or from your home or place of employment.

This is a Court Order.

8 No Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, or Ammunition

- a. You cannot own, possess, have, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or in any other way get any prohibited items listed below in b.
- b. **Prohibited items are:**
- (1) Firearms (guns);
 - (2) Firearm parts, meaning receivers and frames, or any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531); and
 - (3) Ammunition.
- c. If you have not already done so, you must:
- Within 24 hours of being served with this Order, sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts in your custody or control or that you possess or own.
 - File a receipt with the court within 48 hours of receiving this Order that proves that your firearms (guns) and firearm parts have been turned in, sold, or stored. (You may use *Receipt for Firearms and Firearm Parts* (form CH-800) for the receipt.)
- d. ☐ The court has received information that you own or possess a firearm (gun), firearm parts, or ammunition.
- e. ☐ The court has made the necessary findings and applies the firearm relinquishment exemption under Code of Civil Procedure section 527.9(f). Under California law, the person in (2) is not required to relinquish this firearm (*specify make, model, and serial number of firearm(s)*): _____

The firearm must be in the physical possession of the person in (2) only during scheduled work hours and during travel to and from their place of employment. Even if exempt under California law, the person in (2) may be subject to federal prosecution for possessing or controlling a firearm.

9 No Body Armor

You cannot own, possess, or buy body armor (defined in Penal Code section 16288). You must relinquish any body armor you have in your possession.

10 ☐ Lawyer's Fees and Costs

The person in ____ must pay to the person in ____ the following amounts for

☐ lawyer's fees ☐ costs:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| _____ | \$ _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ | _____ | \$ _____ |

☐ Additional items and amounts are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 10.

This is a Court Order.

11 ☐ **Possession and Protection of Animals**

- a. ☐ The person in ① is given the sole possession, care, and control of the animals listed below, which are owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by him or her, or reside in his or her household.

(Identify animals by, e.g., type, breed, name, color, sex.)

- b. ☐ The person in ② must stay at least _____ yards away from, and not take, sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, molest, attack, strike, threaten, harm, or otherwise dispose of, the animals listed above.

12 ☐ **Other Orders** (specify):

- ☐ Additional orders are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 12.

To the Person in ①:**13** **Mandatory Entry of Order Into CARPOS Through CLETS**

This Order must be entered into the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS) through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). (Check one):

- a. ☐ The clerk will enter this Order and its proof-of-service form into CARPOS.
- b. ☐ The clerk will transmit this Order and its proof-of-service form to a law enforcement agency to be entered into CARPOS.
- c. ☐ By the close of business on the date that this Order is made, the person in ① or his or her lawyer should deliver a copy of the Order and its proof-of-service form to the law enforcement agency listed below to enter into CARPOS:

Name of Law Enforcement Agency

Address (City, State, Zip)

- ☐ Additional law enforcement agencies are listed at the end of this Order on Attachment 13.

14 **Service of Order on Restrained Person**

- a. ☐ The person in ② personally attended the hearing, either physically or remotely (by telephone or videoconference). No other proof of service is needed.
- b. ☐ The person in ② did not attend the hearing.
- (1) ☐ Proof of service of form CH-110, *Temporary Restraining Order*, was presented to the court. The judge's orders in this form are the same as in form CH-110 except for the expiration date. The person in ② must be served with this Order. Service may be by mail.
- (2) ☐ The judge's orders in this form are different from the temporary restraining orders in form CH-110. Someone—but not anyone in ① or ③—must personally serve a copy of this Order on the person in ②.

This is a Court Order.



(15) ☐ No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person

The sheriff or marshal will serve this Order without charge because:

- a. ☐ The Order is based on unlawful violence, a credible threat of violence, or stalking.
- b. ☐ The person in (1) is entitled to a fee waiver.

(16) Number of pages attached to this Order, if any: _____

Date: _____

Judicial Officer

Warning and Notice to the Restrained Person in (2):**You Cannot Have Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, or Ammunition**

Unless item 8e is checked, you cannot own, have, possess, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or otherwise get any prohibited items listed in item 8b on page 3 while this Order is in effect. If you do, you can go to jail and pay a \$1,000 fine. You must sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts that you have or control as stated in (8) above. The court will require you to prove that you did so.

Instructions for Law Enforcement**Enforcing the Restraining Order**

This Order is enforceable by any law enforcement agency that has received the Order, is shown a copy of the Order, or has verified its existence on the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS). If the law enforcement agency has not received proof of service on the restrained person, and the restrained person was not present at the court hearing (see (14)), the agency must advise the restrained person of the terms of the Order and then must enforce it. Violations of this Order are subject to criminal penalties.

Start Date and End Date of Orders

This Order *starts* on the date next to the judge's signature on page 4 and *ends* on the expiration date in (4) on page 1.

Arrest Required If Order Is Violated

If an officer has probable cause to believe that the restrained person had notice of the order and has disobeyed it, the officer must arrest the restrained person. (Pen. Code, §§ 836(c)(1), 13701(b).) A violation of the order may be a violation of Penal Code section 166 or 273.6. Agencies are encouraged to enter violation messages into CARPOS.

This is a Court Order.



Notice/Proof of Service

The law enforcement agency must first determine if the restrained person had notice of the order. Consider the restrained person “served” (given notice) if (Pen. Code, § 836(c)(2)):

- The officer sees a copy of the *Proof of Service* or confirms that the *Proof of Service* is on file; or
- The restrained person was at the restraining order hearing (see (14)) or was informed of the order by an officer.

An officer can obtain information about the contents of the order and proof of service in CARPOS. If proof of service on the restrained person cannot be verified and the restrained person was not present at the court hearing, the agency must advise the restrained person of the terms of the order and then enforce it.

If the Protected Person Contacts the Restrained Person

Even if the protected person invites or consents to contact with the restrained person, this Order remains in effect and must be enforced. The protected person cannot be arrested for inviting or consenting to contact with the restrained person. The orders can be changed only by another court order. (Pen. Code, § 13710(b).)

Conflicting Orders—Priorities for Enforcement

If more than one restraining order has been issued protecting the protected person from the restrained person, the orders must be enforced in the following priority (see Pen. Code, § 136.2 and Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2), 6405(b)):

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2. *No-Contact Order*: If a restraining/protective order includes a no-contact order, the no-contact order must be enforced. Item 6a(2) is an example of a no-contact order.
3. *Criminal Protective Order (CPO)*: If none of the orders include an EPO or a no-contact order, the most recent CPO must be enforced. (Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2) and 6405(b).) Additionally, a CPO issued in a criminal case involving charges of domestic violence, Penal Code sections 261, 261.5, or former 262, or charges requiring sex offender registration must be enforced over any civil court order. (Pen. Code, § 136.2(e)(2).) All provisions in the civil court order that do not conflict with the CPO must be enforced.
4. *Civil Restraining Orders*: If there is more than one civil restraining order (e.g., domestic violence, juvenile, elder abuse, civil harassment), then the order that was issued last must be enforced. Provisions that do not conflict with the most recent civil restraining order must be enforced.

Clerk's Certificate
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(Clerk will fill out this part.)
—Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Civil Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing* is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.

Date: _____ Clerk, by _____, Deputy

This is a Court Order.

These instructions cannot cover all of the questions that may arise in a particular case. If you do not know what to do to protect your rights, you should see a lawyer.

What is a civil harassment restraining order?

It is a court order that helps protect people from harassment.

Can I get a civil harassment restraining order?

You can ask for one if you are worried about your safety because someone:

- Is harassing you
- Is stalking you
- Has committed acts of violence against you, or
- Has threatened you with violence

How will the order help me?

The court can order a person to:

- Not harass or threaten you
- Not contact or go near you, *and*
- Not have any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or body armor. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531).

For more information about the items a restrained person cannot have, please see selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/restraining-orders/prohibited-items.

You can also ask for protection for people who live with you and family members.

In a civil harassment case, the court cannot:

- Order a person to move out of your residence
- Order a person to pay child support to you
- Make orders for custody and visitation

If you need these orders, you should proceed under the Domestic Violence Protection Act. File form [DV-100](#).

The court also cannot:

- Order a person to pay money that he or she owes you
- Order someone to move out of rental property that you own
- Order someone to stop creating a nuisance that doesn't involve harassment

If you need these remedies, you must file a civil action.

How much does it cost?

That depends on the type of harassment. If the restrained person has used or threatened to use violence against you or has stalked you, you do not have to pay a filing fee; otherwise, you must pay the fee.

If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, ask the clerk how to apply for a fee waiver. Form [FW-001](#) is available for this purpose.

If the order is based on prior acts of violence, a credible threat of violence, or stalking, you are entitled to free service of the order by a sheriff or marshal. Also, if you are eligible for a fee waiver, you can ask the sheriff or marshal to serve the order for free. If you are not eligible for free service, you may pay the sheriff or marshal to serve the order.

What forms do I need to get the order?

You must fill out all of form [CH-100](#), *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*, and form [CLETS-001](#) *Confidential CLETS Information*. If you need attachments, you may use form [MC-025](#). You must also fill out items 1 and 2 on form [CH-109](#), *Notice of Court Hearing*, and items 1, 2, and 3 on form [CH-110](#), *Temporary Restraining Order (CLETS-TCH)*.

Where can I get these forms?

You can get the forms from legal publishers or from the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. You also may be able to find them at your local courthouse or county law library.

What do I need to do to get the order?

You must go to the superior court in the county where the harassment took place or the person to be restrained lives. At the court, ask where you should file your request for a civil harassment restraining order. (A self-help center or legal aid association may be able to assist you in filing your request.)

At the court, give your forms to the clerk of the court. The clerk will give you a hearing date on the *Notice of Court Hearing* form, and if your request for immediate orders is granted, a copy of the *Temporary Restraining Order* signed by a judicial officer.



How soon can I get the order?

If you ask for a temporary restraining order, the court will decide within 24 hours whether or not to make the order. Sometimes the court decides sooner. Ask whether you should wait or come back later to get the signed *Notice of Court Hearing* and *Temporary Restraining Order*.

How long does the order last?

If the court makes a temporary order, it will last until your hearing date. At that time, the court will decide to continue or cancel the order. The order could last for up to five years.

How will the person to be restrained know about the order?

Someone age 18 or older—**not you** or anyone else to be protected by the order—must “serve” (give) the person to be restrained a copy of the order. The server must then fill out form [CH-200](#), *Proof of Personal Service*, and give it to you to file with the court. For help with service, ask the court clerk for form [CH-200-INFO](#), *What Is “Proof of Personal Service?”*

What if the restrained person does not obey the order?

Call the police. The restrained person can be arrested and charged with a crime.

Do I have to go to court?

Yes. Go to court on the date the clerk gives you.

Do I need to bring a witness to the court hearing?

Witnesses are not required, but it helps to have more proof of the harassment than just your word. You can bring:

- Witnesses
- Written statements from witnesses made under oath
- Photos
- Medical or police reports
- Damaged property
- Threatening letters, emails, or telephone messages

The court may or may not let witnesses speak at the hearing. So, if possible, you should bring their written statements under oath to the hearing. (You can use form [MC-030](#), *Declaration*, for this.)

Do I need a lawyer?

Having a lawyer is always a good idea, but it is not required and you are not entitled to a free, court-appointed attorney. Ask the court clerk about free and low-cost legal services and self-help centers in your county.

Will I see the restrained person at the court hearing?

If the person comes to the hearing, yes. But that person does not have the right to speak to you. If you are afraid, tell the court officer.

Can I bring someone with me to court?

Yes. You can bring someone to sit with you during the hearing. But that person cannot speak for you in court. Only you or your lawyer (if you have one) can speak for you.

| CH-109 Notice of Court Hearing | | Clerk stamps date here when form is filed. |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Person Seeking Protection a. Your Full Name: _____ Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case): Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____ Firm Name: _____ b. Your Address (If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email.) Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email Address: _____ | | Fill in court name and street address: Superior Court of California, County of _____ Court fills in case number when form is filed. Case Number: _____ |
| 2 Person From Whom Protection Is Sought Full Name: _____ <i>The court will complete the rest of this form.</i> | | |
| 3 Notice of Hearing A court hearing is scheduled on the request for restraining orders against the person in (2): Name and address of court if different from above: _____ <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-right: 5px;">Hearing Date</div> <div> Date: _____ Time: _____ Dept.: _____ Room: _____ </div> </div> | | |
| To the person in (2): • If you attend the hearing (in person, by phone, or by videoconference) and the judge grants a restraining order against you, the order will be effective immediately, and you could be arrested if you violate the order. • If you do not attend the hearing, the judge may still grant the restraining order that could last up to five years. After you receive a copy of the order, you could be arrested if you violate the order. | | |
| 4 Temporary Restraining Orders (Any orders granted are on form CH-110, served with this notice.) a. Temporary Restraining Orders for personal conduct and stay-away orders as requested in form CH-100, <i>Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders</i> , are (check only one box below): (1) <input type="checkbox"/> All GRANTED until the court hearing. (2) <input type="checkbox"/> All DENIED until the court hearing. (Specify reasons for denial in b, below.) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Partly GRANTED and partly DENIED until the court hearing. (Specify reasons for denial in b, below.) | | |

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What if I have a disability?

If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court, you can use form [MC-410](#), *Disability Accommodation Request*, to make your request. You can also ask the ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see form [MC-410-INFO](#), *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court*.

Information about the process is also available online.

See selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/CH-restraining-order.

For help in your area, contact:

[Local information may be inserted.]

What if I don't speak English?

When you file your papers, ask the clerk if a court interpreter is available. You can also use form [INT-300](#), *Request for Interpreter (Civil)*, or a local court form or website to request an interpreter. For more information about court interpreters, go to selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-interpreter.

Can I agree with the restrained person to cancel the order?

No. Once the order is issued, only the judge can change or cancel it. You or the restrained person would have to file a request with the court to cancel the order.

What is "service"?

Service is the act of giving your court papers to the other party in your case. There are different ways to serve the other party: in person, by mail, and others.

Why do my court papers need to be served?

Before a judge can grant a civil harassment restraining order (that can last up to five years), the person you want a restraining order against must know about your request and have a chance to go to court to explain their side.

Also, if a restraining order is in place, the police cannot arrest the restrained person for violating the restraining order until the restrained person is served with the order.

What is "personal service"?

Personal service is when someone, known as a server, personally delivers your court papers to the other party.

In most cases, these forms must be served on the other party by personal service:

- [Form CH-109](#);
- [Form CH-100](#);
- [Form CH-110](#);
- [Form CH-120](#) (leave this form blank);
- [Form CH-120-INFO](#); and
- [Form CH-250](#) (leave this form blank).

Who can serve my court papers?

Any adult who is not protected by the restraining order can serve your court papers. **You cannot serve your own court papers.**



Some situations may be dangerous. Think about people's safety when deciding who you want to serve your papers.

A sheriff or marshal will serve your court papers for free if:

- The court granted you a fee waiver; or
- The restraining order is based on stalking, violence, or a credible threat of violence.

A registered process server is a business you pay to deliver papers. To hire a process server, look for "process server" on the internet or in the yellow pages.

How do I have my court papers served?☐ **Step 1: Choose a server**

The person who gives your court papers to the other party is called a server. Your server must be at least 18-years-old. They must not be protected by the restraining order or involved in your case. This means that you cannot serve your own court papers.

☐ **Step 2: Have your server give your court papers to the other party**

Give your server these instructions:

- 1** Before you serve the forms, note which forms you have, including the name of the form and the form number. See [form CH-200](#) for a list of forms.
- 2** Find the person you need to serve. Make sure you are serving the right person by asking the person's name.
- 3** Give the person the papers. If the person refuses to take the papers, put them on the ground or somewhere next to the person. The person doesn't have to touch or sign for the papers. It is okay if they tear them up.
- 4** Fill out [form CH-200](#) completely and sign.
- 5** File [form CH-200](#) with the court or give [form CH-200](#) to the person who is asking for the restraining order so they can file it.

☐ **Step 3: File proof with the court**

The court needs proof that service happened and that it was done correctly. If your server was successful, have your server fully complete and sign [form CH-200](#). **The person you want restrained does not sign anything.**

File [form CH-200](#) with the court in your case as soon as possible. This information will automatically go into a restraining order database that police have access to.

If the sheriff or marshal served your court papers, they may use another form for proof besides [form CH-200](#). Make sure a copy is filed with the court and that you get a copy.

When is the deadline to serve my court papers?

It depends. To know the exact date, you need to look at two items on [form CH-109](#). Follow these steps:

- ☐ **Step 1: Look at the court date listed under ③ on page 1.**

- ☐ **Step 2: Look at the court date listed under ⑥ on page 2.**

- ☐ **Step 3: Look at a calendar**

Subtract the number of days in ⑥ from the court date. That's the deadline to have your court papers served. It's okay to serve your court papers before the deadline.

If nothing is written in ⑥, you must have your court papers served at least five days before your court date.

What happens if I can't get my court papers served before the court date?

You will need to ask the court to reschedule (continue) your court date. Fill out and file [form CH-115](#) and [form CH-116](#). These forms ask the judge for a new court date and to make any temporary orders last until the end of the new court date.

If the judge gives you a new court date, the person you want restrained will have to be served with [form CH-115](#), [form CH-116](#) and the original papers you filed. You should keep a copy of [form CH-115](#), [form CH-116](#), and a copy of your original paperwork. That way, the police will know your orders are still in effect.

For more information on asking for a new court date, read [form CH-115-INFO](#).

What if the other party is avoiding (evading) service or cannot be located?

If you've tried many times to serve the restrained person, and you can show the judge that the restrained person is avoiding (evading) service or cannot be located, you may ask the court to allow you to serve another way. If you want to make this request, at your first court date tell the judge details about your attempts to have the restrained person served. The judge may require a written statement for this.

Read [form CH-205-INFO](#), *What If the Person I Want Protection from Is Avoiding (Evading) Service or Cannot Be Located?*, for more information.