

Getting Help

YAKIMA COUNTY CLERK

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Common Questions

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	Anti-Harassment Order FORMS	Domestic Violence Order For Protection FORMS	Sexual Assault Protection Order FORMS	Vulnerable Adult Order For Protection Initiated in Civil case & consolidated if required. FORMS	Restraining Order Initiated in Family Law cases. (Divorce / Paternity / Custody)	No Contact Order	If you have a court order, it is important to remember:
	CIVIL ORDER RCW 10.14	CIVIL ORDER RCW 26.50	CIVIL ORDER RCW 7.90	CIVIL ORDER RCW 74.34	CIVIL ORDER RCW 26.09 & 26.26	CRIMINAL ORDER RCW 10.99	
WHO may obtain this?	Persons who are seriously alarmed, annoyed, or harassed by conduct which serves no legitimate or lawful purpose. Person does not need to have a relationship with the person harassing them. When the person to be restrained is over the age of 18 years, contact DISTRICT COURT. If they are younger than 18 years of age, File in SUPERIOR COURT.	Any person who is a victim of domestic violence or fears violence by a "family or household member." (Person who are married, have been married, or have a child in common, adult person who are related or who reside(d) together and person 16 years and older who have been / are dating.)	Any person who is a sexual assault victim or by someone else on his or her behalf. Any person 16 years of age or older, who is a victim of sexual assault (including a single incident) may petition the court to obtain an order. If you are under 16, you need a parent or guardian to ask the court for the order on your behalf. The sexual assault does not need to be reported to law enforcement or prosecuted.	A vulnerable adult, who has been abandoned, abused, subjected to financial exploitation or neglect can request the order. The Department of Social and Health Services, the vulnerable adult's guardian or legal fiduciary, or any interested person as defined in RCW 74.34.020 may also obtain an order on behalf of a vulnerable adult.	Married persons or persons with a child in common who are filing for divorce, legal separation, custody, or to determine parentage. To qualify a person does not need to have experienced assault or threats of violence.	A person who has reported an incident to the police. Criminal charges must be pending or filed. May be a condition of sentencing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep a certified copy of your order with you at all times. 2. The order is enforceable throughout the State of Washington. 3. If there is a violation of your court order, call 9-1-1 or your local police. Tell them you have a court order and it is being violated. 4. Whether or not you have a court order, if you are being harassed, threatened, or assaulted, call 9-1-1 or your local police. 5. If you need to phone the Clerk's Office please have your Case Number ready.

<p>What can the Order do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Prohibit harassment and contact of any kind. •Restrain party from coming within a specific distance from petitioner's workplace, school, residence, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Prohibit contact of any kind. •Remove abuser from shared residence and prohibit from entering. •Give temporary custody of children and set visitation schedule. •Order abuser to treatment / counseling. •Can be tailored to individual needs. 	<p>Prohibit the person who harmed you to stay away from you, your home, school, work or other places you request, and to have no further contact with you.</p> <p>This type of protection order can also be filed within an existing Criminal / Felony case. You will need to speak to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the prosecutor assigned to your case can / will assist you.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Award financial Judgment to the requesting party for costs incurred. •Order the Respondent to provide a financial accounting of assets belonging to the Vulnerable Adult. •Grant possession of essential personal effects bellowing to the Vulnerable Adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Can do all that an Order for Protections does. May also order child support, order maintenance income, assign property to either party, and establish permanent child custody or use of family home. 	<p>Prohibit contact of any kind while criminal case is active and can be a condition of sentencing. Protects a victim while waiting for trial to occur.</p>	
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How do I get the Order?	<p>Can be obtained in District or Superior Court – depending on the age of the person you are placing this against. Person files a petition which involves filling out paperwork. After reviewing your petition the court may grant or deny a temporary emergency order effective for up to 14 days. The other party is served with the petition, notice of hearing & temporary order. A hearing is held within 14 days at which time the Court may deny the petition, grant an order effective for up to one year. Forms and instructions are provided by the Yakima County District Court at 574-1820 or click here for the Civil Department.</p> <p>If the person you are placing the restraint against is under the age of 18, OR, you are filing on behalf of someone under the age of 18, click here for FORMS.</p> <p>Click here for additional information on this topic.</p>	<p>Can be obtained in District, Municipal or Superior Court. The Court will review the paperwork and grant or deny a temporary emergency order effective for up to 14 days. The other party is served with the Petition, Notice of Hearing & Temporary Order. A hearing is scheduled within 2 weeks at which time the Court may deny the Petition or grant an order effective for up to one year or more.</p> <p>Forms and instructions are provided by the Clerk's Office located on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse, Room #323, 128 North 2nd Street, Yakima WA. Or you may click here for additional information.</p> <p>Click here for FORMS.</p>	<p>Can be obtained in Superior Court. Person files a petition which involves filling out paperwork. After reviewing your petition the court may grant or deny a temporary emergency order effective for up to 14 days. The other party is served with the petition, notice of hearing & temporary order. A hearing is held within 14 days at which time the Court may deny the petition, grant an order effective for up to two years. Forms and instructions are provided by the Yakima County Clerks Office at 574-1430.</p> <p>Click here for information from the Prosecuting Attorneys Office; OR; Click here for information on how to file your own papers with the Clerks Office.</p> <p>Click here for FORMS.</p>	<p>Can be obtained in Superior Court. Person files a petition which involves filling out paperwork and posting Bond or Cash Deposit into the Court Registry. (This is refundable at a later date.) After reviewing your petition the court may grant or deny a temporary emergency order effective for up to 14 days. Petitioner / moving party is required to serve the Respondent & Vulnerable Adult.</p> <p>Typically, a hearing is held within 14 days at which time the Court may deny the petition, grant an order effective for up to five years, and direct return of the Bond / Cash Deposit from the Court Registry.</p> <p>Attorneys may consolidate this matter into a pending Guardianship or Probate matter at any time.</p> <p>Forms and –limited- instructions are provided by the Yakima County Clerks Office. Click here for information on how to file your own papers with the Clerks Office.</p> <p>Click here for FORMS.</p>	<p>Can be obtained in superior court as part of a family law action such as a divorce, legal separation, custody action or paternity determination. A temporary restraining order can be filed at the time of a civil petition and signed by the Judge effective until the preliminary hearing. Many persons obtain attorneys to represent them for this process. The county prosecutor or attorney general, when involved in paternity actions, may request a restraining order on behalf of the child.</p> <p>Additional information from the State Of Washington.</p>	<p>A crime must first be reported to the police. If the abuser has been arrested or issued a citation, the victim may ask the prosecutor to request a no contact order. (In some jurisdictions, orders are issued via the police or jail.)</p> <p>You may contact the Prosecutors Office for Yakima County by clicking HERE. This will take you to their web site which contains much more detailed information.</p>	
Cost?	<p>Filing fee is \$41.00 in District Court and \$53.00 in Superior Court. Additional costs can include copy, service and local surcharge fees. Fees may be waived by court order.</p>	<p>There is no cost to the Petitioner. There <i>may</i> be a cost for service of the documents outside the State of Washington.</p>	<p>There is no cost to the Petitioner. There <i>may</i> be a cost for service of the documents outside the State of Washington.</p>		<p>Filing fee is \$250.00 (plus possible local surcharge) if a case has not previously been filed, but may be waived. Additional costs can include copy, service and attorney fees.</p>	<p>There is no cost to the requesting party / victim(s).</p>	

Violations?	Violator may be arrested. Possible criminal or contempt charges.	Mandatory arrest if abuser violates "restraint" provisions or enters a residence where prohibited from entering. Possible criminal or contempt charges. Felony charges may be filed by Prosecuting Attorney.	Mandatory arrest if abuser violates "restraint" provisions or enters a residence where prohibited from entering. Possible criminal or contempt charges. Felony charges may be filed by Prosecuting Attorney.	Mandatory arrest if abuser violates "restraint" provisions or enters a residence where prohibited from entering. Possible criminal or contempt charges. Felony charges may be filed by Prosecuting Attorney.	Violator may be arrested. Possible criminal or contempt charges.	Mandatory arrest if abuser violates "restraint" provisions. Additional felony charges may be filed by Prosecuting Attorney.	<p style="text-align: center;">LEGAL PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G:\Qualifications CHART.doc 11-2007</p>
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