

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION—FILED ON BEHALF OF A CHILD**

Under the Indiana Civil Protection Order Act (Indiana Code § 34-26-5), courts can issue orders to protect people from domestic or family violence, stalking, or a sex offense. These court orders are called “Orders for Protection”. There are two (2) kinds of Orders for Protection—an Ex Parte Order for Protection, which may be issued without a hearing, and an Order for Protection Issued After a Hearing. Orders for Protection normally last 2 years, unless the Judge decides on a different duration.

The protected person is called the “Petitioner.” The Petitioner must file a Petition in a court of record, against the other person, called the “Respondent.” There are 2 different kinds of Petitions a person can file: one kind allows a person to seek protection for himself or herself, and another kind allows a representative to ask for protection on behalf of a child. This representative is called the child’s “Next Friend.” This Instruction booklet explains how to fill out forms for a case in which the Next Friend is seeking protection on behalf of a child, *not* for himself or herself. If you want to apply for an Order for Protection for yourself, please ask the Clerk of the Court for the proper Instruction booklet and Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: In order to file a case, you *must* have the Respondent’s correct name. In order to assist law enforcement in enforcing the Order for Protection you should have the Respondent’s date of birth and/or Social Security number and current address. The Respondent’s current address may also be necessary for the Court to grant certain forms of other relief.**

Unless the Petitioner provides the Respondent’s date of birth or social security number, the protection order cannot be entered into the national Protection Order Registry. Even without this information, the protection order will still be included in the Indiana Protection Order Registry.

Even if the protection order cannot be entered into the national Protection Order Registry, it will be valid and enforceable throughout the United States. It is highly recommended the child’s custodian carry the child’s Order For Protection with them at all times, especially when traveling with the child outside the State of Indiana.

This Instruction booklet explains how to fill out the Petition and Confidential Form. It also contains some Instructions for Respondents. These Instructions cannot cover all of the problems and questions that may arise in a particular case. If you do not know what to do to protect your rights, you should see an attorney.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Who can get a court order under this law?

The Indiana Civil Protection Order Act was passed to promote the protection and safety of all victims of domestic or family violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to prevent future violence against such victims. In order to apply for protection under this law, a **Petitioner** needs to have been a victim of:

- **Domestic or family violence;**
- **Stalking;** or,
- **A sex offense.**

**However, a parent, guardian, or other representative may file a Petition for an Order for Protection on behalf of a child against a:**

- **Family or household member who commits an act of domestic or family violence *against the child*; or**
- **A person who has committed stalking or a sex offense against the child.**

If you are the parent, guardian, or other representative of such a child, you will be known as the “Petitioner” and the child will be known as the “Child Who Needs Protection” or as “the Child”.

“**Domestic or family violence**” means a **family or household member** committed one or more of the following acts:

1. attempting to cause, threatening to cause, or actually causing physical harm to another family or household member;
2. placing a family or household member in fear of physical harm;
3. causing a family or household member to involuntarily engage in sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress—in other words, forcing someone to engage in a sexual act against the person’s will;,
4. beating, torturing, mutilating, or killing a vertebrate animal without justification with an intent to threaten, intimidate, coerce, harass or terrorize a family or household member.

Stalking and sex offenses are subject to a Protection Order whether or not committed by a household member

The **Respondent** must be either a:

- **Family or household member** of the Child Who Needs Protection; or,
- Person who has committed stalking or a sex offense against the Child Who Needs Protection.

The Child Who Needs Protection and the Respondent are “**family or household members**” if:

- The Child and the Respondent are now dating each other, or used to date each other;
- The Child and the Respondent are now engaged in a sexual relationship with each other, or used to be in a sexual relationship with each other;

- The Child Who Needs Protection and the Respondent have a child in common;
- The Child and the Respondent are related by blood or adoption (for example, they are a brother and sister with the same parents);
- The Child and the Respondent are now related to each other by marriage, or used to be related to each other by marriage (for example, they are a step-brother and a step-sister);
- The Child and the Respondent are now, or used to be, in one of these kinds of relationships:
  - The Respondent is or was the Child’s guardian;
  - The Child is or was the Respondent’s ward;
  - The Respondent is or was the Child’s custodian;
  - The Respondent is or was the Child’s foster parent; or,
  - A similar relationship.
- Finally, a “family or household member” could mean a minor child (under age 18) of a person in one of the kinds of relationships described above.

“**Stalking**” is defined by Indiana law (Indiana Code § 35-45-10-1) as: “A knowing or intentional course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another person that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, or threatened and that actually causes the victim to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, or threatened.” The term “course of conduct” means two (2) or more incidents.

As used in the stalking law, “**harassment**” means: “Conduct directed toward a victim that includes but is not limited to repeated or continuing **impermissible contact** that would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress and that actually causes the victim to suffer emotional distress. Harassment does not include statutorily or constitutionally protected activity, such as lawful picketing pursuant to labor disputes or lawful employer-related activities pursuant to labor disputes.”

As used in the stalking law, “**impermissible contact**” includes (but is not limited to): “Knowingly or intentionally following or pursuing the victim.”

A “**sex offense**” means one of the following crimes under Indiana law (Indiana Code § 35-42-4):

- Rape;
- Criminal deviate conduct;
- Child molesting;
- Child exploitation;
- Vicarious sexual gratification;
- Child solicitation;
- Child seduction;
- Sexual battery; or,
- Sexual misconduct with a minor.

In order for a person to ask for an Order for Protection because he or she (or the Child Who Needs Protection) was a victim of stalking or a sex offense, it is not necessary for criminal charges to actually be filed. However, a victim of one of these kinds of crimes should always seek help from the police or sheriff and the prosecutor.

### **Are the Child’s family or household members covered by an Order for Protection?**

The judicial officer will decide who will be protected from the names listed on the Petition in Paragraph 9 and the names listed on the Confidential Form.

### **What if the Child needs an Order for Protection against more than one (1) Respondent?**

The Petitioner should tell the Clerk how many Respondents he or she is filing against. The Clerk has to create a new and different court case for each Respondent—there can be only one Respondent per case. So, make sure the Petitioner has the correct number of Petitions, Confidential Forms, etc.

### **What if the Respondent is a juvenile?**

If the Respondent is under 18 and still lives at home (is not “emancipated”), any court of record can hear the Petition. If a hearing is set, the case may be transferred to juvenile court.

### **Will the Child Who Needs Protection have to come to court?**

If a hearing is necessary, the Child may have to attend—especially if the Child is the only person who witnessed the Respondent’s conduct. You should consult with an attorney. If you do not have an attorney, the lawyer referral service of your local bar association may be of some help.

### **What do you need to get the Order for Protection or to object to one?**

You will need to get the correct forms from the Clerk of the court, or from this Web site: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/forms/po.html>

### **What forms must be used for this kind of case?**

Here is a list of some of the different kinds of forms in a protective order case and the function of each form. If you want a complete list, ask the Clerk or go to the Web site.

1. *Petition for an Order for Protection and Request for a Hearing—Filed by Person Seeking Petition (“Petition”)*—this is the form used by the Petitioner to ask the Judge to issue an Order for Protection and also to ask for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law. The Petitioner uses this form to explain to the Judge why the Petitioner needs an Order for Protection for the Child, to describe what happened, and to list every kind of relief the Petitioner is asking for.

2. *Confidential Form*—this is the form used by the Petitioner and the Clerk of the court to record important information about the people involved in the case. The information on this form is entered into a computer that law enforcement officers (police, sheriff, etc.) can access. The information on this form is confidential according to state law. The only people who will have access to it are law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and court and clerk staff. This form must be submitted with the Petition at the time the case is filed.
3. *Respondent’s Verified Request for a Hearing*—once a Respondent has received a copy of the Petition and the Ex Parte Order for Protection, he or she can ask the Judge to set the case for a hearing. The Respondent should use this form to make that request.

### **Will the case automatically be set for a hearing?**

It depends on what the Judge orders. Some Ex Parte Orders for Protection do not require a hearing—although a Respondent can ask for one within 30 days of receiving a copy of the Ex Parte Order for Protection. If a Petitioner asks for certain things, or if the Judge orders certain things, then a hearing must automatically be set. Here is a list of the different kinds of things a Judge can order and whether the law requires a hearing. Remember, the Respondent can always ask for a hearing, as long as the request is made within 30 days of receiving a copy of the Ex Parte Order.

#### **Things that don’t require a hearing unless the Respondent asks for one:**

- Prohibiting the Respondent from committing, or threatening to commit, acts of domestic or family violence, stalking, or sex offenses against the Child Who Needs Protection, or the Child’s family or household members;
- Prohibiting the Respondent from harassing, annoying, telephoning, contacting, or directly or indirectly communicating with the Child;
- Ordering the Respondent to stay away from the Child’s residence, school, place of employment, or other places; and,
- Ordering the Respondent to stay away from places where the Child’s family or household members regularly go.

#### **Things that can be ordered by the Judge right away, but that require a hearing to be held within 30 days:**

- Evicting the Respondent from the Child’s home;
- Ordering the Respondent to give the Child the possession and use of:
  - A home they both share;
  - A car or other motor vehicle;
  - Other necessary personal items;
- Ordering other additional relief.

#### **Things that can only be ordered by the Judge once a hearing has been held:**

- Parenting time—establish rules for parenting time, require that it be supervised by a third party, or deny parenting time altogether;

- Ordering the Respondent to pay money to the Petitioner and/or the Child for various things, such as:
  - Attorney fees;
  - Rent/mortgage payments;
  - Child support/maintenance;
  - Medical expenses, counseling, shelter, repair or replacement of damaged property;
- Prohibiting the Respondent from possessing firearms, ammunition, or deadly weapons; and,
- If the Respondent owns a firearm, ammunition, or a deadly weapon, ordering the Respondent to surrender those items to a local law enforcement agency for the duration of the Order for Protection.

### **Should you see a lawyer?**

In general, you have the right to file a Petition and to defend against one and go to court with or without an attorney. Because your situation may involve unique problems, you may want to consult with an attorney. Whether or not you have a lawyer, the other party may have one. The Clerk, the Court, and other court staff are prohibited from giving you legal advice.

### **What does the phrase “ex parte” mean?**

The term “ex parte” means “one-sided.” A basic principle in our legal system is that **all sides** to a dispute get to present their case to a judge before the judge makes a decision on the case and issues an order or a ruling. All parties to a case have a **right to be notified** that a legal action is being taken against them, and they have a **right to be heard** and to dispute the action in court.

An ex parte order is contrary to this principle. It is issued after the judge has only heard one side of the case, and before the opposing side even has notice that legal action is being taken against them. An ex parte order is rare in the justice system. Ex parte orders are granted by courts in exceptional circumstances.

### **Are Ex Parte Orders for Protection automatically issued?**

No. As just explained, ex parte orders are only granted in exceptional circumstances which require an immediate order without giving the other party an opportunity to respond. Court orders are not issued just because a person asks for one. It is important to pay attention to every detail in filling out your Petition for an Ex Parte Order for Protection. The Judge who reviews the Petition will carefully examine the information in the Petition to determine if the situation meets the statutory, or legal, requirements for an ex parte order.

## **Why might my Petition for an Ex Parte Order for Protection be denied?**

There are many reasons why the Ex Parte Order for Protection might be denied. Some of the most common reasons include:

- The parties do not fit the statutory, or legal, definition of “family or household member”.
- The parties do not meet Indiana residency or employment requirements.
- The factual allegations do not meet the statutory, or legal, definitions of “domestic or family violence”, “stalking”, or of a “sex offense”.
- The allegations are vague. They lack a clear and understandable description of the time, place, or acts of the incident.
- If you are relying solely on what another person saw or told you, a failure to have a sworn affidavit from that other person.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITIONERS

### What steps need to be taken to get the court order?

1. **There are no fees associated with this kind of case. You should not be asked to pay a filing fee, a service of process fee, a witness fee, or a subpoena fee.**
2. You will need 5 copies of the Petition: 1 for a worksheet; 1 for the court's file; 1 copy to be served on the Respondent; 1 copy for the Child; and, 1 copy for yourself.
3. You will need 1 copy of the Confidential Form. **Please note: you should have the Respondent's correct name, correct date of birth or Social Security number, and correct, current address.** Respondent's date of birth and/or Social Security number is required by federal law to get the Order for Protection into the national computer database. Every law enforcement officer in the state of Indiana and the United States has access to this computer database. In order for your order to be enforceable by the police, sheriff, or court, it needs to go into the computer. A correct, current address is required so that the Respondent can be served with copies of the court's orders and other papers. If the Respondent is not served with those copies, he or she will not be held responsible for violating the order. Service is very important. It tells the Respondent about the order and about the hearing (if one has been set). Without service, there will not be a court hearing (if one has been set) and your Ex Parte Order will expire unless the Judge extends it.
4. Fill in the Petition. Some courts may require that the Petition be typewritten. **The Petition is a public document. A copy of the Petition will be kept in the Court's file. Also, if an Ex Parte Order for Protection is granted or if the case is set for a hearing, a copy of the Petition will be sent to the Respondent.**
  - a. Fill in the name of the county where the case will be filed and the court name.
  - b. Fill in your name and the Respondent's full name. Remember, you will need one Petition for each Respondent. Fill in the name of the Child Who Needs Protection.
  - c. Check ("X") all blanks that apply to your case. Read each item carefully and fill in the necessary information. Be specific.
  - d. Regarding Paragraph 5: there is no minimum residency requirement for filing a Petition.
  - e. If you are not represented by an attorney, fill in your public mailing address in Paragraph 6 of the Petition. This address will *not* be kept secret, so you should use a mailing address that you feel comfortable having public. If you want information on how to use the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program, call that office at: 1-800-321-1907 to get information on how to participate in that program.
  - f. If you do not list the names of other family or household members you want protected in Paragraph 9 (and also list those people on the Confidential Form), the Child will be the only person protected by the Order for Protection.

- g. Make sure you list all the requested information about every case involving the Respondent, the Child Who Needs Protection, and yourself.
  - h. Remember to sign and date the Petition.
5. If you are seeking an Order for Protection based on information given to you by other people (for example, a neighbor who saw the Respondent hurt the Child), and not on the basis of what **you** personally observed, you must attach to the Petition affidavits by the people who do have personal knowledge of the facts that support the granting of an Order for Protection. Also, those people will have to appear in court in person, as witnesses, to testify for you if there is a hearing set in your case.
  6. Take all of your completed forms and all copies to the Clerk's office. The Clerk will tell you where to take your papers.

### **What if the Judge issues an Ex Parte Order for Protection?**

1. If you get an Ex Parte Order for Protection, make sure you get several copies from the clerk that are file-stamped and that have the judge's signature on them. Think about how many copies of the Order you will need: 1 to carry with you; 1 copy to give to the Child; 1 copy for a landlord/security guard; 1 copy for the Child's school, etc.
2. If the court must hold a hearing on your Petition, make sure you know the correct date and time of the hearing before you leave the Clerk's office. Make sure you have the court's telephone number so that you can call ahead a few days before the hearing and confirm the court date and time.

### **How should I prepare for a hearing?**

1. If the court holds a hearing on your Petition, go to the court hearing with any and all evidence you might have. If there are any witnesses to the Respondent's conduct, they must also be at the hearing.
2. If the Judge issues an Order for Protection Issued After a Hearing, make sure to get enough signed, file-stamped copies for yourself, the Child, etc.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDENTS

1. If you are served with a *Petition for an Order for Protection and Request for a Hearing* and an *Ex Parte Order for Protection*, you should promptly seek legal advice. If you have no attorney, the lawyer referral service of your local bar association may be helpful. The Clerk, the Court, and other court staff are prohibited from giving you legal advice.
2. Read the papers served on you very carefully. The *Ex Parte Order for Protection* will forbid you from doing certain things, and may order you to do certain other things. **If you disobey the court's orders, criminal charges may be filed against you.**
3. If you wish to oppose the Petition or Order, or want to request your own Order for Protection, or if you want the court to have a hearing on the Petition and Order, you must go in person to the Clerk of the court that issued these papers. If you want to oppose the Petition or Order, you must do that at a hearing—the judge must hear your side of the case. To request a hearing, get a form from the Clerk entitled, “Respondent’s Verified Request for a Hearing” and fill it out completely. You should not be charged a fee to file this form with the court. If you want to ask for your own Order for Protection, you will need to follow the “Instructions for Petitioners” and file a separate case.
4. If there is a hearing, you need to be there in person to allow the Judge to hear your side of the case. If you do not attend the hearing, the Judge can hear the case without you and issue orders in your absence. If you have any witnesses, they must attend the hearing in person in order to testify for your side.

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) SS: ( \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION, ROOM \_\_\_\_\_)  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_) )  
 Name of Minor Child, Petitioner )  
 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
 By Child's Next Friend, (**Your Name**) )  
 vs. )  
 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
 Respondent (**Person to be Restrained**) )

**PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION AND REQUEST FOR A HEARING—Filed on Behalf of a Child**

**IMPORTANT: This is a public document and a copy of it will be placed in the Court's file. A copy may also be sent to the Respondent.**  
*(Check those which apply)*

**1. I am filing this Petition for a child. The child who needs protection is or has been a victim of domestic or family violence, a sex offense, or stalking, and I am that person's:**

- parent
- guardian
- other representative (*describe:* \_\_\_\_\_).

**2. What is the Respondent's relationship to the child who needs protection?**

a. The Respondent is a family or household member (*check only the line which best applies*):

- the Respondent is, or used to be my spouse and the child lived with us;
- the Respondent and I resided together in an intimate relationship and the child lived with us;
- the Respondent is a parent of the child;
- the Respondent is, or used to, date the child;
- the Respondent is, or has been, engaged in a sexual relationship with the child;
- the Respondent and the child who needs protection have a child in common;
- the Respondent and the child are related by blood or adoption. The Respondent is the child's \_\_\_\_\_;
- the Respondent and the child are, or used to be, related by marriage. The Respondent is the child's \_\_\_\_\_;
- the Respondent is, or used to be, the child's guardian;
- the Respondent is, or used to be, the child's custodian;
- the Respondent is, or used to be, the child's foster parent;

- the child who needs protection is a minor child of someone in one of the types of relationships described above.
- b.  the Respondent has committed stalking against the child who needs protection.
- c.  the Respondent has committed a sex offense against the child who needs protection.

3. **How old is the Respondent?** \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

4. **Please list all cases (divorce, protection orders, paternity, guardianship, criminal, juvenile, civil) involving the Respondent, yourself, or a child you have with the Respondent (*attach additional sheets of paper if necessary*):**

Case Name	Case Number	County & State

\_\_\_\_\_ **Continued on Attachment 4a.**

5. **This case is filed in this county because:**

- a. the Respondent lives in this county.
- b. the incident(s) of domestic or family violence, stalking, or the sex offense happened in this county.
- c. the child who needs protection lives in this county.
- d. the Petitioner lives in this county.

6. **If you are not represented by an attorney, fill in your public mailing address:**

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This address will not be kept secret, so you should use a mailing address that you feel comfortable having public. If you want information on how to use the Attorney General’s Address Confidentiality Program, call that office at: 1-800-321-1907 to get information on how to participate in that program.

7. **The Respondent has committed the following act(s) of domestic or family violence, stalking, or a sex offense (*check those which apply*):**

- the Respondent attempted to cause physical harm to the child who needs protection;
- the Respondent threatened to cause physical harm to the child who needs protection;
- the Respondent did cause physical harm to the child who needs protection;
- the Respondent placed the child who needs protection in fear of physical harm;
- the Respondent caused the child who needs protection to involuntarily engage in sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress;

- the Respondent committed stalking against the child who needs protection;
- the Respondent committed a sex offense against the child who needs protection.
- the Respondent committed an act of animal cruelty by beating, torturing, mutilating, or killing a vertebrate animal without justification with an intent to threaten, intimidate, coerce, harass or terrorize a family or household member.

**8. Describe what happened in each of the above incidents including the date(s), place(s) and witnesses to each incident (*attach additional sheets of paper if necessary*):**

**Date of Incident #1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Description of Incident:**

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**List the names of all of the people who were present during the incident. You must include your own name if you were present:**

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**Date of Incident #2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Description of Incident:**

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**List the names of all of the people who were present during the incident. You must include your own name if you were present:**

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**Date of Incident #3:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Place of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Description of Incident:**

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**List the names of all of the people who were present during the incident. You must include your own name if you were present:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Continued on Attachment 8a.**

**9. I am asking the Court to order the following relief (*check all which apply*):**

Prohibit the Respondent from committing, or threatening to commit, acts of

domestic or family violence, stalking, or sex offenses against the child who needs protection;

\_\_\_ Prohibit the Respondent from committing, or threatening to commit, acts of domestic or family violence, stalking, or sex offenses against the family or household members of the child who needs protection. Their names are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_ Prohibit the Respondent from harassing, annoying, telephoning, contacting, or directly or indirectly communicating with the child who needs protection;

\_\_\_ Order the Respondent to stay away from the child's residence, school, place of employment, or other place, which is the \_\_\_\_\_, located at: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_ Order the Respondent to stay away from the following location(s) frequented by the family or household member(s) of the child, which may include a residence, school, or place of employment:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

***Please complete:***

Please list all owners or lease signers at my residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

***NOTE: The following requested relief may be granted immediately by the Judge, but the Court must hold a hearing within thirty (30) days:***

\_\_\_ Evict the Respondent from the child's residence, which is located at: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_ Order the Respondent to give the child the possession and use of the following:

\_\_\_ The residence located at: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_ An automobile/other motor vehicle described as: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_ Other necessary personal items, described as: \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_ Order the following additional relief necessary to provide for the child's safety and welfare and the safety and welfare of the child's family or household members:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

***NOTE: The following requested relief may be granted ONLY after notice to the Respondent and at a hearing to be held within thirty (30) days:***

\_\_\_ Specify the arrangements for parenting time;

\_\_\_ Require that parenting time be supervised by a third party;

- \_\_\_ Deny the Respondent parenting time;
- \_\_\_ Order the Respondent to pay the Petitioner's or child's attorney fees;
- \_\_\_ Order the Respondent to pay rent for the child's residence;
- \_\_\_ Order the Respondent to make payment on a mortgage for the child's residence;
- \_\_\_ Order the Respondent to pay support for the child, or for minor child(ren) in common with the child who needs protection;
- \_\_\_ Order the Respondent to reimburse the Petitioner and/or the child who needs protection for expenses related to the domestic or family violence, stalking, or sex offense as follows

*(specify the amount for each expense and bring documentation of the expense with you to Court for the Hearing):*

- \_\_\_ Medical expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Counseling: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Shelter: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Repair or replacement of damaged property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other costs or fees the Petitioner or child has as a result of bringing this case: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Prohibit the Respondent from using or possessing a firearm, ammunition, or deadly weapon;
- \_\_\_ Order the Respondent to surrender the following firearm(s), ammunition, or deadly weapon(s) to a specified law enforcement agency *(list each item below and attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary):*

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\_\_\_ **Continued on Attachment 9a.**

**10. Number of pages attached: \_\_\_\_\_**

**By filing this Petition, I am respectfully requesting that the Court immediately issue an Ex Parte Order for Protection. I understand that, if I have asked for relief from the Court regarding any of the following:**

- **evicting the Respondent from the child's home;**
- **giving the child the possession of personal property;**
- **establishing rules for child parenting time;**
- **requiring the Respondent to pay fees, expenses, or child support;**
- **forbidding the Respondent from possessing a firearm, ammunition, or a deadly weapon; or,**
- **ordering the Respondent to surrender firearm(s), ammunition, or deadly weapons,**

**I must also ask the Court to set a date for a Hearing within thirty (30) days of today's date.**

**I understand that if a Hearing is set, and if I fail to appear for the Hearing, the Court may terminate the Ex Parte Order and dismiss the case.**

**I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true:**

- a. on the basis of my own personal knowledge.**

- b. on the basis that I have been informed and believe that the facts stated are true. *(NOTE: If this Petition is made solely on the basis of Petitioner's information and belief, Petitioner must attach affidavits by one or more persons who have personal knowledge of the facts stated.)*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PETITIONER - Type or print name of child**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of child's next friend**

# CASE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL FORM

For use by Court, Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, and Law Enforcement Personnel ONLY

## DIVISION OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF _____ )	<b>COURT:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Superior, Room #: _____ (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit
_____ PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF/STATE OF INDIANA v. _____ RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT _____ EMPLOYEE (IF WVRO)	<b>CASE #:</b> _____ - _____ - _____ - _____  <b>DATE:</b> _____ mm/dd/yyyy

### PERSON RESTRAINED

Name:	Home: (____) _____			
Home address:	Work: (____) _____			
	Cell: (____) _____			
	Email: _____			
Postal address (if different from home address):	Location of place of business or where person is usually or often found:			
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female				
DOB:	Describe nature and location of any scars or tattoos:			
Any scars or tattoos? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Race:	Hair color:	Eye Color:	Height:	Weight:

**List the name(s), age, race, and sex of any person(s) residing at the household of the protected person. Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.**

Name:	Age: Race:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Name:	Age: Race:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Name:	Age: Race:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Name:	Age: Race:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Name:	Age: Race:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

**NOTE:** This portion must be completed when a protection, no-contact, workplace violence restraining order is requested. The information provided on this form will be used to update the statewide protective order database for the enforcement of the order.

## CONFIDENTIAL FORM

**Note:** The following information is confidential under Indiana law pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-2-9-7, and it may not be released.

### PETITIONER

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  male  female

SSN: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROTECTION ORDERS ONLY:

Do you wish to receive notifications when the order is issued, served, and about to expire?  Yes  No

Method:  Email  Text  Fax

Cell Phone Service Provider (if you selected Text as the notification method): \_\_\_\_\_

**You must provide data in the proper fields above to match the Method of notification chosen. See Notification Information at the bottom of this form.**

Postal address (if different from home address): \_\_\_\_\_

When can protected person be reached at the above numbers or any alternative numbers?

Other protected address: \_\_\_\_\_

List the cities/counties where the protected person would like a copy of the order sent:

Address from confidentiality program of Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### PERSON RESTRAINED

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

End of Confidential Form. The "Confidential Form" portion of this form must be on green paper according to Admin. Rule 9

#### Notification Information

- The user will incur standard text-messaging fees for any messages received.
- The user is responsible to notify the Clerk's office of any changes to their contact information which may include their cell phone number and email address.
- The Indiana Supreme Court's Division of State Court Administration may not be held liable for the failure of the receipt of a notification.
- The notifications sent to users are a service being provided by the Indiana Supreme Court's Division of State Court Administration.
- Cell Phone Service Providers Supported: Alltel, AT&T, Boost, Cellular South, Centennial Wireless, Cincinnati Bell, Cricket Wireless, Metro PCS, Powertel, Qwest, Rogers, Sprint, Suncom, Telus, T-Mobile, US Cellular, Verizon Wireless, Virgin Mobile