

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF TULARE

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## **REQUEST FOR CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER**

Forms included in this packet:			
	Instructions	This packet	
To read	Can A Civil Harassment Restraining Order	Judicial Council Form # CH-100-INFO	
	Help Me ?		
	Request for Civil Harassment Restraining	Judicial Council Form # CH-100	
То	Order		
complete	Notice of Court Hearing	Judicial Council Form # CH-109	
and file	Temporary Restraining Order	Judicial Council Form # CH-110	
	CONFIDENTIAL CLETS Information	Judicial Council Form # CLETS-001	
	Response to Request for Civil Harassment	Judicial Council Form # CH-120	
	Restraining Order		
	How Can I Respond to A Request for a Civil	Judicial Council Form # CH-120-INFO	
To serve	Harassment Restraining Order?		
(leave	How Do I Turn In, Sell or Store My	Judicial Council Form CH-800-INFO/JV-252-	
blank)	Firearms?	INFO	
	Proof of Firearms Turned In, Sold, or	Judicial Council Form CH-800-INFO/JV-252	
	Stored		
To file	Proof of Personal Service	Judicial Council Form # CH-200	
To read	What is Proof of Personal Service	Judicial Council Form # CH-200-INFO	

#### SELF HELP RESOURCE CENTER

If you are filing a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order and do not have an attorney representing you, free assistance is available. Please contact:

#### Superior Court of California, County of Tulare

#### SELF-HELP RESOURCE CENTER

#### (559) 737-5500

#### 3400 W. Mineral King, Suite C, Visalia CA 93291

#### OR

#### 300 E. Olive (South County Justice Center), Porterville, CA 93257

#### Email: tcscselfhelpinfo@tulare.courts.ca.gov.

The Self-Help Resource Center (also known as the Family Law Facilitator) will provide instructions on how to complete the forms and how to properly serve notice on all the necessary parties. They can answer your procedural questions and explain the court process. The Resource Center cannot give you legal advice or tell you what to say to the judge, but staff can review your forms and tell you if they are complete and correct before you file. The Self-Help Resource Center **CANNOT** represent you in court.

This is an instructional guide to filing a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order, designed to explain the process of filing your paperwork and going to court.

Fillable, printable pdf versions of the Judicial Council forms contained in this packet are available online at <u>https://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm</u>. You can print and handwrite forms, or type them online and print them out to file.

You can also use the **SHARPCourts** program, which will ask for information and use it to fill out the forms for you. If you create a free account, you can save the forms and your information in case you need to make changes or want to file other paperwork at a later date. You can access the program at this website: <u>https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/5772/engine</u>.

If you have further questions or concerns regarding your restraining order case, you may wish to consult with an attorney, use the assistance of a paralegal or typing service, or do self-research at the Tulare County Law Library (on the ground floor of the Visalia Courthouse, with Law Library computer terminals also available in the Self-Help Resource Center in the Porterville courthouse) or on the California Courts' Self-Help website at <a href="https://www.courts.ca.gov/1044.htm">https://www.courts.ca.gov/1044.htm</a>. Select the Spanish icon at the right of the webpage for information in Spanish.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

This packet contains the forms you need to request a Civil Harassment Restraining Order. The form "Can a Civil Harassment Restraining Order Help Me?" (Form CH-100-INFO) will give you a basic overview on civil harassment restraining orders. The instructions in this packet will explain how to complete these forms and the process of submitting them to the Clerk's Office for filing.

You will fill out the following forms to start your request:

- Form CH-100 Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order
- Form CH-109 Notice of Court Hearing only complete sections 1 and 2.
- Form CH-110 Temporary Restraining Order only complete sections 1, 2 and 3.
- $\circ$  CLETS-001

<u>Fee Waiver</u>: There **may be** a fee for filing these forms. **There is no fee if the person you are requesting to be restrained has used violence against you, has stalked you, or has acted or spoken in some other ways that make you reasonably fear violence.** If you are not sure if you will need to pay a fee and would like to apply for a fee waiver, please request a Fee Waiver packet from the clerk.

#### Detailed instructions for completing and filing your forms are included below.

# **Complete the following forms:**

- 1. Form CH-100 Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order
  - Section 1 Write in your name and an address where you can reliably receive mail. You can write in a P.O. Box. If you do not want the Restrained Person to know where you live, do <u>not</u> write your home address here because this document must be served on the Restrained Person.
  - Section 2 Write in the name and identifying information of the Restrained Person. Fill in as much of the requested information as you know.
  - Section 3— List any members of your household, including family members or people which whom you are in a relationship who live with you (but not roommates) and whom you want to protect under your restraining order. In section b, explain why you think they need protection from the Restrained Person.
  - Section 4 Explain how you know the Restrained Person.
  - Section 5 Explain why you are filing in this county you will need to file in the county where either the Restrained Person lives or where the harassment took place.
  - Section 6 List any other court cases (if any) in which you have been involved with the Restrained Person.
  - Section 7 Describe the details of the harassment that you are alleging took place, beginning with the most recent incident. In section b, state whether the Restrained Person has harassed you before, and briefly explain what happened during those other incidents.
  - Sections 8-9 Check the boxes to tell the court which orders you want against the Restrained Person, and whether stay away orders will prevent the Restrained Person from getting to work, home, job or school.

- Section 10 Tell the court whether the Restrained Person has any firearms or ammunition that you know about. If you are not sure, check "I don't know."
- Section 11 If you feel that you will not be safe without a restraining order against the Restrained Person until you go to the hearing, explain why you feel you need that temporary order.
- Section 12 If you feel you will not be able to serve the Restrained Person by 5 calendar days before the hearing, you can request the court to allow you to serve the paperwork closer to the hearing date. Explain why you think you will not be able to serve it within 5 days.
- Section 13 Check a and b if you feel you have been threatened with violence or reasonably fear violence from the Restrained Person. If the court grants your request, the fee will be waived and the filing fee will be waived. If not, you can still request to have the fees waived by filing a Fee Waiver Request. Check c of you are filing a fee waiver request with your request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order.
- Section 14 This section only applies if you are represented by an attorney.
- Section 15 Complete this section if you are requesting a restraining order to keep the Restrained Person away from any animals you own, if you feel that the Restrained Person might injure or remove those animals.
- Section 16– Complete this section if you want to request other orders not included in the previous sections. NOTE: You cannot request a move-away order in a Civil Harassment Restraining Order.
- NOTE: Attach a copy of your Emergency Protective Order if one has been granted.

#### 2. Form CH-109 - Notice of Court Hearing

- Fill in sections 1 and 2 only. The court will fill in the rest.
- 3. Form CH-110 Temporary Restraining Order
  - Fill in sections 1, 2, and (if applicable) 3. The court will fill in the rest.
- 4. CLETS-001
  - Fill in your personal information; all information you have about the Restrained Person; any guns or firearms or ammunition in the Restrained Person's possession; and any persons you are asking to be protected under the restraining order.

## **Filing the Documents**

Return your forms to the Visalia Courthouse, Clerk of the Court (Rm 201) located at 221 S. Mooney Blvd, Room 201, Visalia, CA 93291 **OR** the South County Justice Center, Court Clerk's window located at 300 E. Olive Ave, Porterville, CA 93257:

- Form CH-100 Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order (with copy of your Emergency Protective Order attached, if one was issued) – original and 1 copy
- Form DV-109 Notice of Court Hearing original
- Form DV-110 Temporary Restraining Order original
- CLETS-001 original
- FW-001 Request to Waive Court Fees and FW-003 Order on Court Fee Waiver (if applying for fee waiver) original and 1 copy each

The Court Clerk will file the forms and return your filed copies of the Fee Waiver forms (if you qualify for a Fee

Waiver based on section 5a or 5b, otherwise the Request will be sent to the judge for review). The Notice, Temporary Order and CLETS will be kept and sent to the judge for review.

The clerk will give your documents to the judge, who will carefully review and consider your request. The court will grant a temporary restraining order if it appears necessary to keep you safe until the hearing. Even if the court does not grant a temporary restraining order, a hearing will be set for a date about three weeks from the date you file your Request.

After the court makes a decision on your request, the clerk will call to let you know your paperwork is ready for pickup. You will receive copies of the Request, Notice of Hearing, and certified copies of the Temporary Restraining Order if one is granted.

# Serving the Paperwork

You will need to have the respondent served by 5 court days (or the amount of time listed on the **CH-109**, **Notice of Hearing**) before the hearing.

#### You will need to serve copies of the following forms that you filed:

- CH-100 Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order
- CH-109 Notice of Hearing
- CH-110 Temporary Restraining Order

#### You will also need to serve the following blank forms:

- CH-120 Response to Domestic Violence Restraining Order
- CH-120 INFO How Can I Respond to A Domestic Violence Restraining Order?
- CH-800-INFO How Do I Turn In, Sell or Store My Firearms?
- CH-800 Proof of Firearms Turned In, Sold, or Stored

If the court has checked the box on Section 10 of the CH-110 (Temporary Order), the Sheriff's Department, located at 221 S. Mooney Blvd. Room 102, County Civic Center Visalia CA 93291 will serve the paperwork at no charge to you. You will need to provide two copies of each form you want the Sheriff's Department to serve.

## **Next Steps**

You will need to appear at your court date that is listed on the **Notice of Hearing (CH-109).** At that hearing, the court will either grant or deny your Request, or set a further "contested" hearing where both parties can bring evidence to support their side of the story. If this happens and you were granted a Temporary Restraining Order, the order will be extended until the new court date. You will need to appear in person for your contested hearing.

## **Further Assistance**

For further assistance, please contact the Self-Help Resource Center in Visalia or Porterville.

## **CH-100-INFO** Can a Civil Harassment Restraining Order Help Me?

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 a gun

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)*.

#### Where can I get these forms?

You can get the forms from legal publishers or on the Internet at *www.courts.ca.gov*. 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 selfhelp 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.

#### CH-100-INFO Can a Civil Harassment Restraining Order Help Me?

#### 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, e-mails, 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 courtappointed 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 (ffyou have a lawyer, give your lawyer's If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home private, you may give a different mailing address instea have to give telephone, fax, or e-mail.):	address Fill in court name and street address.
Address:	
City: State: 2	
Telephone: Fax:	
E-Mail Address:	Court fills in case number when form is filed. Case Number:
2) Person From Whom Protection Is Sought	
The court will complete th 3 Notice of Hearing A court hearing is scheduled on the request for re	
	straining orders against the person In(2): Name and address of court if different from above:
Hearing     Date:	Vame and address of court if different from above: d are on Form CH-110, served with this notice.) stay-away orders as requested in Form CH-100, theck only one bax below):

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#### What if I am deaf or hard of hearing?



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 Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response (Form MC-410). (Civ.Code, § 54.8.)

#### 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 may have to pay a fee for the interpreter. If an interpreter is not available for your court date, you should ask someone who is not listed as a person to be protected on your Request and who is over age 18 to interpret for you.

# 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.

	rary Restraining	Order	Clerk stamps date here when form is fil	ea.
Person in (1) must compl	lete items $(1, 2)$ , and (	3) only.		
) Protected Person				
a. Your Full Name:				
Your Lawyer <i>(if you he</i>		N.T.		
	State Ba			
Firm Name:				
b. Your Address (If you h	have a lawyer, give your l	lawyer's information.	Fill in court name and street address:	
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E-Mail Address:			Court fills in case number when form is	filed.
) <b>Restrained Person</b> Full Name:			Case Number:	
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Temporary Restraining Order (CLETS-TCH) (Civil Harassment Prevention)

Case Number:

## To the Person in 2:

The court has granted the temporary orders checked as granted 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.

5		nal Conduct Orders	Hoaring	Granted as Follows:			
	<ul> <li>a. You must not do the following things to the person in (1)</li> </ul>						
	a. You must <b>not</b> do the following things to the person in (1) and to the other protected persons listed in (3):						
	<ul> <li>(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.</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>(2) Contact the person, either directly or indirectly, in <b>any</b> way, including, but not limited to, in person, by telephone, in writing, by public or private mail, by interoffice mail, by e-mail, by text message, by fax, or by other electronic means.</li> </ul>						
	(3)	Take any action to obtain the person's found good cause not to make this ord		r location. If this item (3) is not checked, the court has			
	<ul> <li>(4) Other (specify):</li> <li>Other personal conduct orders are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 5a(4).</li> </ul>						
	to a			rver or other person for service of legal papers related However, you may have your papers served by mail			
6	Stay-A	Away Order					
$\bigcirc$	🗖 No	t Requested 🔲 Denied Until the	Hearing	Granted as Follows:			
	a. You	must stay at least yards av	vay from	(check all that apply):			
	(1) [	$\square$ The person in $\bigcirc$	(7)	The place of child care of the children of			
	(2) [	Each person in 3		the person in $(1)$			
	(3) [	$\Box$ 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.

#### No Guns or Other Firearms and Ammunition

- a. You cannot own, possess, have, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or in any other way get guns, other firearms, or ammunition.
- b. You must:
  - (1) Sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any guns or other firearms in your immediate possession or control. This must be done within 24 hours of being served with this Order.

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	(2)	File a receipt with the court within 48 hours of r firearms have been turned in, sold, or stored. (Ye	eceiving this Order that proves that your guns or <i>ou may use form CH-800,</i> Proof of Firearms Turned In,
		Sold, or Stored, <i>for the receipt.</i> )	
	c. 🗖	The court has received information that you own	n or possess a firearm.
8	Poss	ession and Protection of Animals	
		ot Requested 🔲 Denied Until the Hear	ing 🔲 Granted as Follows (specify):
	a. 🗖	The person in (1) is given the sole possession, owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by him of <i>(Identify animals by, e.g., type, breed, name, col</i>	
	b. 🗖	The person in (2) must stay at least molest, attack, strike, threaten, harm, or otherwise	yards away from, and not take, sell, transfer, encumber, conceal se dispose of, the animals listed above.
9	Other	· Orders	
$\bigcirc$		ot Requested 🛄 Denied Until the Hear	ing 🔲 Granted as Follows (specify):
	Ad	ditional orders are attached at the end of this Orde	er on Attachment 9.
		To the Per	son in 1:
(10	Mand	atory Entry of Order Into CARPOS Thr	
	/		ng and Protective Order System (CARPOS) through the
		nia Law Enforcement Telecommunications Syste	• • • •
	a. 🗖	The clerk will enter this Order and its proof-of-s	ervice form into CARPOS.
	b. 🗖	The clerk will transmit this Order and its proof-orinto CARPOS.	of-service form to a law enforcement agency to be entered
	c. 🗖	-	der is made, the person in $\textcircled{1}$ or his or her lawyer should ice form to the law enforcement agency listed below to
		Name of Law Enforcement Agency	Address (City, State, Zip)
		Additional law enforcement agencies are list	ed at the end of this Order on Attachment 10.
			ourt Order.

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Temporary Restraining Order (CLETS-TCH) (Civil Harassment Prevention)

(11	) No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person 🛛 Ordered 🗔 Not Ordered
$\bigcirc$	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. $\square$ The person in $\bigcirc$ is entitled to a fee waiver.
12	Number of pages attached to this Order, if any:
	Date:

Judicial Officer

#### Warnings and Notices to the Restrained Person in **2**

#### You Cannot Have Guns or Firearms

You cannot own, have, possess, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or otherwise get guns, other firearms, or ammunition 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 guns or other firearms 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.

#### 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 of Response 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.

### This is a Court Order.

- 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.

#### 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).)

This is a Court Order.

#### Conflicting Orders—Priorities for Enforcement

If more than one restraining order has been issued, the orders must be enforced according to the following priorities (see Pen. Code, § 136.2; Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2), 6405(b)):

- 1. *EPO*: If one of the orders is an *Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-001) and is more restrictive than other restraining or protective orders, it has precedence in enforcement over all other orders.
- 2. *No-Contact Order:* If there is no EPO, a no-contact order that is included in a restraining or protective order has precedence over any other restraining or protective order.
- 3. *Criminal Order:* If none of the orders includes a no-contact order, a domestic violence protective order issued in a criminal case takes precedence in enforcement over any conflicting civil court order. Any nonconflicting terms of the civil restraining order remain in effect and enforceable.
- 4. *Family, Juvenile, or Civil Order:* If more than one family, juvenile, or other civil restraining or protective order has been issued, the one that was issued last must be enforced.

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

Clerk's Certificate [seal]

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.

#### CONFIDENTIAL



**CLETS** Information

#### California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) Information Form

This form is submitted with the initial filing (*date*):

This is an amended form *(date)*:

#### **Important:** This form MUST NOT become part of the public court file. It is confidential and private.

Fill out as much of this form as you can and give it to the court clerk. If the court issues a restraining order, this form will provide law enforcement with information that will help them enforce it. If any of this information changes, fill out a new (amended) form.

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#### What is a civil harassment restraining order?

It is a court order that prohibits you from doing certain things and going to certain places.

#### What does the order do?

The court can order you to:

- Not contact the person who asked for the order
- Stay away from that person and the person's home and workplace
- Not have any guns as long as the order is in effect

#### Who can ask for a civil harassment restraining order?

A person who is worried about safety because he or she has been or is being:

- Stalked
- Harassed
- Assaulted, including sexually, or •
- Threatened with violence

#### I've been served with a request for civil harassment restraining orders. What do I do now?

Read the papers served on you very carefully. The Notice of Court Hearing tells you when to appear in court. There may also be a *Temporary Restraining* Order forbidding you from doing certain things. You must obey the order until the hearing.

#### What if I don't obey the order?

The police can arrest you. You can go to jail and pay a fine.

#### What if I don't agree with what the order says?

You still must obey the order until the hearing. If you disagree with the orders the person is asking for, fill out Form CH-120, Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders, before your hearing date and file it with the court. If you need to include attachments, you can use Form MC-025. You can get the forms from legal publishers or on the Internet at www.courts.ca.gov. You also may be able to find them at your local courthouse or county law library.

#### Do I have to serve the other person with a copy of my response?

Yes. Have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—mail a copy of completed Form CH-120 to the person who asked for the order (or that person's lawyer). (This is called "service by mail.")

The person who serves the form by mail must fill out Form CH-250, Proof of Service of Response by Mail. Have the person who did the mailing sign the original. Take the completed form back to the court clerk or bring it with you to the hearing.

#### Should I go to the court hearing?

Yes. You should go to court on the date listed on Form CH-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*. If you do not go to the hearing, the judge can make orders against you without hearing from you.

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How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders? (Civil Harassment Prevention)

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#### How long does the order last?

If the court issued a temporary restraining order before the hearing, it will last until your hearing date. At that time, the court will decide to continue or cancel the order. Any order issued at the hearing can last for up to five years.

#### 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 courtappointed attorney. Ask the court clerk about free and low-cost legal services and self-help centers in your county.

# Will I see the person who asked for the order at the court hearing?

Yes. Assume that the person who is asking for the order will attend the hearing. Do not talk to him or her unless the judge or that person's attorney says that you can.

#### Can I bring a witness to the court hearing?

Yes. You can bring witnesses or documents that support your case to the hearing. But if possible, you should also bring the witnesses' written statements of what they saw or heard. Their statements must be made under penalty of perjury. You can use Form MC-030 for this.

#### 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 may have to pay a fee for the interpreter. If an interpreter is not available for your court date, bring someone to interpret for you. You should ask someone age 18 or older to interpret for you.

#### What if I have a gun?

If a restraining order is issued, you cannot own, possess, or have a gun, other firearm, or ammunition while the order is in effect. If you have a gun or other firearm in your immediate possession or control, you must sell it to or store it with a licensed gun dealer, or turn it in to a law enforcement agency.

# Can I agree with the protected person to cancel the order?

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

### What if I am deaf or hard of hearing?



Assistive listening systems, computerassisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five court days before the hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to *www.courts.ca.gov/forms* for *Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response* (Form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

<ul> <li>CH-120 Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order</li> <li>Use this form to respond to the Request (form CH-100)</li> <li>Read How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders? (form CH-120-INFO) to protect your rise</li> <li>Fill out this form and take it to the court clerk.</li> <li>Have someone age 18 or older—not you—serve the person his or her lawyer by mail with a copy of this form and any at pages. (Use form CH-250, Proof of Service of Response by December 20 of the person of the service of Response by December 20 of the person of the service of Response by December 20 of the person of the service of Response by December 20 of the person of</li></ul>	)) ghts. in ① or tached	Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.
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## CH-800-INFO

## • How Do I Turn In, Sell, or Store My Firearms?

## What is a firearm?

A firearm is a:

- Handgun
- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Assault weapon

## If you own or have a firearm you must:

- Turn it in to local law enforcement
- Sell it to a licensed firearms dealer, or
- Store it with a licensed firearms dealer

## 3) How do I sell or store my firearm?

Find a California licensed firearms dealer in your area. Look under "Firearms Dealers" in your local Yellow Pages or on the Internet. Make sure the dealer is licensed.

## How do I take my firearm to law enforcement?

Call your local law enforcement agency to ask about their procedures. Take a copy of the restraining order with you. Go directly to the law enforcement agency. Do not go anywhere else with firearms in your vehicle!

## b) If I turn my firearm in to law enforcement, how long will they keep it?

Ask the law enforcement agency.

# 6) After I give my firearm to law enforcement, can I change my mind?

Yes. You are allowed to make one sale through a licensed gun dealer. To do this, a licensed gun dealer must present a bill of sale to your local law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency will give the licensed gun dealer the firearm you are selling.

# Do I have to pay the law enforcement agency to keep my firearm?

You may have to pay the agency for keeping your firearm. Contact your local law enforcement agency and ask if a fee is charged. The agency will tell you how much you need to pay.

## B) Questions?

Call your local law enforcement agency: *(insert local information here.)* 

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#### (3) To the Restrained Person:

If the court has ordered you to turn in, sell, or store your firearms, you may use this form to prove to the court that you have obeyed its orders. When you deliver your unloaded weapons, ask the law enforcement officer or the licensed gun dealer to complete item (4) or (5) and item (6). After the form is signed, file it with the court clerk. Keep a copy for yourself. For help, read Form CH-800-INFO, *How Do I Turn in, Sell, or Store My Firearms?* 

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#### **To Law Enforcement**

Fill out items (4) and (6) of this form. Keep a copy and give the original to the person who turned in the firearms.

The firearms listed in **6** were turned in on:

Date:

To:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. \_ p.m.

Name and title of law enforcement agent

Name of law enforcement agency

Address

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

Signature of law enforcement agent

#### To Licensed Gun Dealer

Fill out items $(5)$ and $(6)$ of this form. Keep a
copy and give the original to the person who sold
you the firearms or stored them with you.
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The firearms listed in  $(\mathbf{6})$  were sold to me transferred to me for storage on:

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To:

Name of licensed gun dealer

License number Telephone

#### Address

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

Signature of gun dealer

6) Firearms

Make	Model	Serial Number
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Check here if you turned in, sold, or stored more firearms. Attach a sheet of paper and write "CH-800, Item 6—Firearms Turned In, Sold, or Stored" for a title. Include make, model, and serial number of each firearm. You may use Form MC-025, Attachment.

7)	Do you have, own, possess, or control any other firearms besides the firearms l	isted in <b>6</b> ? <b>D</b> Yes	🗖 No
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	If yes, check one of the boxes below:		

- a. I filed a *Proof of Firearms Turned In, Sold, or Stored* for those firearms with the court on (*date*):
- b. I am filing the proof for those firearms along with this proof.
- c. I have not yet filed the proof for the other firearms. *(Explain why not):* 
  - Check here if there is not enough space below for your answer. Put your complete answer on the attached sheet of paper or Form MC-025 and write "Attachment 7c" for a title.

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

Date:

Type or print your name

Sign your name

#### What is "Service"?

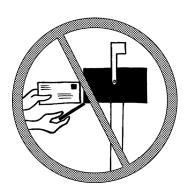
Service is the act of giving your legal papers to the other party. There are many kinds of service—in person, by mail, and others. This form is about personal or "in-person" service. The *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders* (Form CH-100), the *Notice of Court Hearing* (Form CH-109), and the *Temporary Restraining Order* (Form CH-110) must be served "in person." That means that someone must personally "serve" (give) a copy of the forms to the person to be restrained. These forms cannot be served by mail.

Service lets the other person know:

- What orders you are asking for
- The hearing date
- How to respond

#### Why do I have to get the orders served?

- The police cannot arrest anyone for violating an order unless that person knows about the order.
- The judge cannot make the orders permanent unless the restrained person was served.



Don't serve it by mail!

#### Who can serve?

Ask someone you know, a process server, or a law enforcement agency to personally serve (give) a copy of the forms to the person to be restrained. You **cannot** send the forms to that person by mail.

The server must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Not be you or anyone whom you are asking to be protected by the orders

The sheriff or marshal may be authorized to serve the court's orders **for free** if the orders are based on claims of stalking, unlawful violence, or a credible threat of violence, or if you are entitled to a fee waiver.

A "registered process server" is a business you pay to deliver court forms. Look for "Process Serving" in the Yellow Pages or on the Internet.

(If a law enforcement agency or the process server uses a different proof-of-service form, make sure it lists the forms served.)

#### How to serve

Ask the server to:

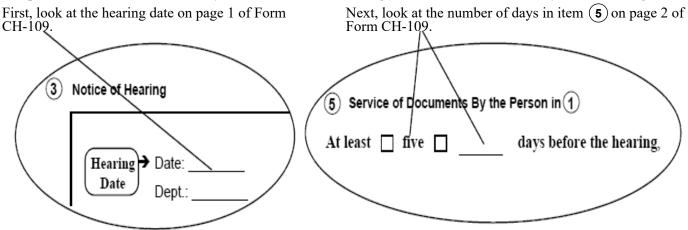
- Walk up to the person to be served.
- Make sure it is the right person. Ask the person's name.
- Give the person copies of all papers checked on Form CH-200, Proof of Personal Service.
- Fill out and sign the *Proof of Personal Service* form.
- Give the signed *Proof of Personal Service* to you.

#### What if the person won't take the papers or tears them up?

- If the person won't take the papers, just leave them near him or her.
- It doesn't matter if the person tears them up. Service is still complete.

#### When do the orders have to be served?

It depends. To know the exact date, you have to look at two things on Form CH-109, Notice of Court Hearing:



Look at a calendar. Subtract the number of days in (5) from the hearing date. That is the final date to have the orders served. It is always OK to serve earlier than that date.

If nothing is checked or written in (5), you must serve the orders at least five days before the hearing.

#### Who signs the Proof of Personal Service?

Only the person who serves the forms can sign Form CH-200, *Proof of Personal Service*. You do not sign it; the restrained person does not need to sign it.

#### What do I do with the completed Proof of Personal Service?

If someone other than the sheriff serves the papers, you should:

- Make several copies.
- File the original with the court before your hearing.
- Ask the clerk to enter it into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), a special computer system that lets police all over the state find out about the orders protecting you.
- If the clerk tells you that the court cannot enter it into the computer, take a copy of the *Temporary Restraining Order* (Form CH-110) and *Proof of Personal Service* (Form CH-200) to your local police. They will put the information into the state computer system. That way, police all over the state will know that your restraining order has been served.
- Bring a copy of the completed *Proof of Personal Service* to your hearing.
- Always keep an extra copy of the restraining orders with you for your safety.

If the sheriff serves the papers, he or she will send the proof of service to the court and CLETS for you.

#### What happens if I can't get the orders served before the hearing date?

Before your hearing, fill out and file Form CH-115, *Request to Continue Court Hearing and to Reissue Temporary Restraining Order*. This form asks the court for a new hearing date and makes your orders last until then. Ask the clerk for the form. After the court has reissued the orders, attach a copy of Form CH-116, *Notice of New Hearing Date and Order on Reissuance*, to a copy of your original orders. Ask the clerk to enter Form CH-116 into CLETS, or the clerk may ask you or your attorney to deliver a copy to the police. That way, the police will know your orders are still in effect.

## CH-200

## **Proof of Personal Service**

( <b>1</b> )	Person Seeking Protection					
$\sim$	Name:					
(2)	Person From Whom Protection Is Sought					
$\bigcirc$	Name:					
(3)	Notice to Server The server must: • Be 18 years of age or older.					
	• Not be listed in items (1) or (3)	Fill in court name and street address:				
	of Form CH-100.	Superior Court of California, County of				
	• Give a copy of all documents checked in (4) to the person in (2). (You cannot send them by mail.) Then complete and sign this form and give or mail it to the person in (1).					
		Court fills in case number when form is filed.				
	PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE	Case Number:				
<b>(4)</b>	I gave the person in $(2)$ a copy of the forms checked below:					
Ċ	a. CH-109, Notice of Court Hearing					
	<ul> <li>b. CH-110, Temporary Restraining Order</li> <li>c. CH-100, Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>cH-120-INFO, How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders?</li> <li>cH-130, Civil Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing</li> </ul>					
_	h. D Other (specify):					
(5)	I personally gave copies of the documents checked above to the person	in (2):				
$\bigcirc$	a. On (date): b. At (time):	<b>a</b> .m. <b></b> p.m.				
	c. At this address:					
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	Address:					
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	Telephone:					
	(If you are a registered process server):					
	County of registration: Registration number:					
	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Califor correct.	nia that the information above is true and				
	Date:					
	Type or print server's name Server to sign here					
Judicial Revised Code of	Council of California, www.courts.ca.gov July 1, 2014, Optional Form Civil Procedure, § 527.6 Proof of Personal Service (Civil Harassment Prevention)	<b>CH-200,</b> Page 1 of 1				

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.