

# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE



# GUIDE TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS

## YOU MAY GET HELP FROM:

### Superior Court of Orange County Self-Help Center

Central Justice Center  
700 Civic Center Drive West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
(657) 622-7577

Harbor Justice Center – Laguna Hills  
23141 Moulton Parkway  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653  
(657) 622-5756

Lamoreaux Justice Center  
341 The City Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Orange, CA 92868  
(657) 622-5079

West Justice Center  
8141 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Westminster, CA 92683  
(657) 622-6970

### Domestic Violence Assistance

Lamoreaux Justice Center  
341 The City Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Orange, CA 92868  
(714) 935-7956

### Adult Protective Services (APS)

Social Services Agency  
PO Box 22006  
Santa Ana, CA 92702-2006  
(800) 451-5155

### Legal Aid Society

2101 N. Tustin Ave  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 571-5200

### Orange County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

(877) 257-4762

## If you are in immediate danger, you may need an **EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Emergency Protective Order	
This order may be appropriate for you if:	You are in immediate danger.
If granted, the court can order someone to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay away from you, your home, and your work.</li> <li>Immediately move from your residence.</li> <li>Not own or possess a gun.</li> </ul> <p>The Court may also order: Temporary care and control of a minor child to the protected person.</p>
The order lasts:	Up to 7 days.
You may get help from:	<p>Any Law Enforcement Officer can help you with an Emergency Protective Order.</p> <p><i>If you need protection for longer than 7 days, you must come to court and ask for another type of restraining order.</i></p>

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## CIVIL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Protective Order	Domestic Violence Restraining Order	Civil Harassment Restraining Order	Workplace Violence
<p><b>This order may be appropriate for you if:</b></p> <p><b><u>You are:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person 65 years of age or older</li> <li>A person between 18 and 64 years of age and who has a mental or physical condition that prevents you from carrying out normal activities (a dependent adult)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>And you have been:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physically or financially abused</li> <li>Mentally or emotionally abused</li> <li>Neglected, abandoned or abducted</li> <li>Isolated</li> <li>Deprived by a caregiver of goods or services needed to avoid harm or suffering</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>You have one of the following relationships with the restrained person:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse or former spouse</li> <li>Cohabitant or former cohabitant<sup>1</sup> (with a romantic or close<sup>2</sup> relationship)</li> <li>Current or past dating relationship</li> <li>Parent or child</li> <li>Brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild</li> <li>Step-parent, step-child, step-brother, step-sister, step-grandchild, step-grandparent (if <i>blood</i> parent of step-parent)</li> <li>In-laws: Any relationship to a spouse's <i>blood</i> relatives (parent, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>And you have been:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abused<sup>3</sup> (physical, spoken or written)</li> </ul> <p><b>The order may also protect other family or household members.</b></p>	<p><b><u>You and the restrained person:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not have a Domestic Violence case open</li> </ul> <p><b><u>And you have been:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stalked</li> <li>Harassed</li> <li>Sexually Assaulted</li> <li>Threatened with violence</li> </ul> <p><b>The order may also protect other family or household members.</b></p>	<p><b><u>You are:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An employer of employee (including volunteer or independent contractor who performs services at the worksite, member of the board of directors or public officer)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>And employee has:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suffered violence at the workplace</li> <li>Received threats of violence at the workplace</li> </ul> <p>The order may also protect other family or household members.</p> <p>An employee cannot ask for a workplace violence restraining order. Only an employer<sup>4</sup> may request this type of protective order.</p>
<p><b>If granted, the court can order someone to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not contact you</li> <li>Stay away from you and your home</li> <li>Move out of your home</li> <li>Not own or possess a gun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not molest, attack, strike, stalk, assault, batter, threaten, sexually assault, or harass (personally or by telephone) you</li> <li>Not destroy your personal property</li> <li>Not come within a specified distance</li> <li>Not own or possess a gun</li> <li>Move from the home you share</li> </ul> <p><b>The Court may also order:</b> Child custody, visitation, supervised visitation or no visitation; child support, spousal support, and repayment of monies lost due to the violence or threats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not contact you</li> <li>Stay away from you, your home (unless you are roommates) and your work</li> <li>Not assault, batter, threaten, stalk, or harass (personally or by telephone) you</li> <li>Not own or possess a gun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Not assault, batter or stalk you</b></li> <li><b>Not telephone or send correspondence to you</b></li> <li><b>Not enter the workplace</b></li> <li><b>Stay a specific distance away from you</b></li> <li><b>Not own or possess a gun</b></li> </ul>

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**You may get additional help from the resources listed on the back of this pamphlet.**

<sup>1</sup> A cohabitant is a person who regularly resides in the household. Tenants or roommates subletting rooms in the same house do not meet the relationship requirement for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order unless they have a romantic or close relationship.

<sup>2</sup> A close relationship is one where the persons share a common goal and mutual interests beyond that of roommates.

<sup>3</sup> Abuse means to hit, kick, grab, choke, hurt, scare, throw things, pull hair, push, follow, harass, assault with a weapon, force to participate in unwanted, unsafe or degrading sexual activity, or threaten to do any of these things.

<sup>4</sup> Employer is defined as the following:

- Every person engaged in any business or enterprise in this state that has one or more persons in service under any appointment, contract of hire, or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, irrespective of whether such person is the owner of the business or is operating on a concessionaire or other basis. Labor Code 350(a)
- A federal agency, the state, a state agency, a city, county, or district, and a private, public or quasi-public corporation, or any public agency thereof or therein. Code of Civil Procedure 527.8(d)