

**STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
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## **CIVIL HARASSMENT RESPONSE**

**All documents must be typed or printed legibly per Rules of Court 2.104. One (1) original plus two (2) copies of the Response and Proof of Service are required for filing.**

**You must obey the Temporary Restraining Order (if one was issued and served on you) until the hearing.**

In this packet you will find the following forms:

1. How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders (CH-120-INFO)
2. Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders (CH-120)
3. Proof of Service of Response by Mail (CH-250)

The following forms need to be served on the other party.

- Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders (CH-120)
- Proof of Service of Response by Mail (CH-250)

This is the paperwork the restrained person(s) needs to fill out and file with the Court to answer the protected person(s) request for a Civil Harassment Restraining Order.

## How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders?

### 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](http://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.

CH-109

Notice of Court Hearing

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**1 Person Seeking Protection**

a. Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Your Address (if you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and you want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, and e-mail):  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in exact name and street address:  
 Superior Court of California, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fill in case number:  
 Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Person From Whom Protection is Sought**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

The court will complete the rest of this form.

**3 Notice of Hearing**

A court hearing is scheduled on the request for restraining orders against the person in **2**:

Name and address of court (if different from above):

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Temporary Restraining Orders** (Any orders granted are on Form CH-110, served with this notice.)

a. Temporary Restraining Orders for personal conduct and stay away orders as requested in Form CH-100, *Request for Orders to Stop Harassment*, are (check only one box below):

(1)  All GRANTED until the court hearing.

(2)  All DENIED until the court hearing. (Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)

(3)  Partly GRANTED and partly DENIED until the court hearing. (Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)

Judicial Council of California, www.courts.ca.gov  
 Revised January 1, 2012, Optional Form  
 Code of Civil Procedure, § 527.6

Notice of Court Hearing  
 (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 three 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 court-appointed attorney. Ask the court clerk about free and low-cost legal services and self-help centers in your county.

**Will I see the 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 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, computer-assisted 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](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms) for *Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response* (Form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Fill in court name and street address:

**Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus**  
801 10th Street, 4th Floor  
Modesto, CA 95354

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

**Case Number:**

**Use this form to respond to the Request (form CH-100)**

- Read *How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders?* (form CH-120-INFO), to protect your rights.
- Fill out this form and take it to the court clerk.
- Have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—serve the person in ① or his or her lawyer by mail with a copy of this form and any attached pages. (Use form CH-250, Proof of Service of Response by Mail.)

**① Person Seeking Protection**

Name of person seeking protection (see form CH-100, item ①):

**② Person From Whom Protection Is Sought**

a. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**③  Personal Conduct Orders**

- a.  I agree to the orders requested.
- b.  I do not agree to the orders requested.
- c.  I agree to the following orders (specify):

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

**④  Stay-Away Orders**

- a.  I agree to the orders requested.
  - b.  I do not agree to the orders requested.
  - c.  I agree to the following orders (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**⑤  Additional Protected Persons**

- a.  I agree that the persons listed in item ③ of form CH-100 may be protected by the order requested.
- b.  I do not agree that the persons listed in item ③ of form CH-100 may be protected by the order requested.

Present your response and any opposition at the hearing. Write your hearing date, time, and place from form CH-109 item ③ here:

**Hearing Date** → Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you were served with a Temporary Restraining Order, you must obey it until the hearing.** At the hearing, the court may make orders against you that last for up to five years.



**6 Guns or Other Firearms and Ammunition**

If you were served with form CH-110, *Temporary Restraining Order*, you cannot own or possess any guns, other firearms, or ammunition. (See item 7 of form CH-110.) You must 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 within 24 hours of being served with form CH-110. You must file a receipt with the court. You may use form CH-800, *Proof of Firearms Turned In, Sold or Stored*, for the receipt.

- a.  I do not own or control any guns or firearms.
- b.  I have turned in my guns and firearms to the police or sold them to or stored them with a licensed gun dealer.  
 A copy of the receipt  is attached.  has already been filed with the court.

**7  Possession and Protection of Animals**

- a.  I agree to the orders requested.
- b.  I do not agree to the orders requested.
- c.  I agree to the following orders (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**8  Other Orders**

- a.  I agree to the orders requested.
- b.  I do not agree to the orders requested.
- c.  I agree to the following orders (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**9  Denial**

I did not do anything described in item 7 of form CH-100. (*Skip to 10.*)

**10  Justification or Excuse**

If I did some or all of the things that the person in 1 has accused me of, my actions were justified or excused for the following reasons (*explain*):

- Check here if there is not enough space below for your answer. Put your complete answer on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 10—Justification or Excuse" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

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**11**  **No Fee for Filing**

- a.  I request that I not be required to pay the filing fee because the person in **1** claims in form CH-100 item **13** to be entitled to free filing.
- b.  I request that I not be required to pay the filing fee because I am eligible for a fee waiver. (*Form FW-001, Request to Waive Court Fees, must be filed separately.*)

**12**  **Lawyer's Fees and Costs**

- a.  I ask the court to order payment of my  Lawyer's fees  Court costs  
The amounts requested are:

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

- Check here if there are more items. Put the items and amounts on the attached sheet of paper or form MC-025 and write "Attachment 12—Lawyer's Fees and Costs" for a title.*
- b.  I ask the court to deny the request of the person asking for protection that I pay his or her lawyer's fees and costs.

**13** Number of pages attached to this form, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Lawyer's name (if any)*

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Lawyer's signature*

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or print your name*

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Sign your name*

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**1 Person Seeking Protection**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

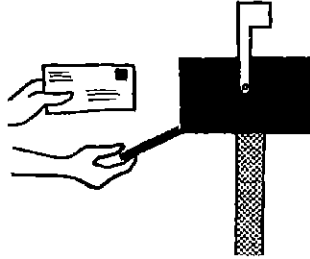
**2 Person From Whom Protection Is Sought**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Notice to Server**

The server must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Live or be employed in the county where the mailing took place.
- Not be listed in items ① or ③ of Form CH-100.
- Mail a copy of all documents checked in ④ to the person in ①.
- Complete and sign this form and give it to the person in ②.



Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of  
**STANISLAUS**  
 801 10th Street  
 4th Floor  
 Modesto, CA 95354

Fill in case number:

**Case Number:**

**PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

**4** I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this proceeding. I live or am employed in the county where the mailing took place. I mailed the person in ① a copy of all documents checked below:

a. Form CH-120, *Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*

b.  Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**5** I placed copies of the documents checked above in a sealed envelope and mailed them as described below:

a. Mailed to (*name*): \_\_\_\_\_

b. To this address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

c. On (*date*): \_\_\_\_\_ Mailed from: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Server's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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 California that the information above is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Type or print server's name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Server to sign here*