FILING FOR A STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER

IMPORTANT NOTE: PROCEDURES FOR GETTING STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDERS VARY FROM COURT TO COURT. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL COURT FOR MORE INFORMATION.



WHAT IS A STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER?

A Stalking Protective Order (SPO) is a court order that tells a person (the "respondent") to stop contacting you and members of your immediate family and household. If the SPO is granted, the court may also order that the respondent cannot have guns.

You may be able to ask for money damages under the law. See "Do I Need a Lawyer?" below.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER?

- > Respondent must have made repeated and unwanted contact with you or a member of your immediate family or household. That contact must cause alarm, fear, or the feeling of being forced to do or not do something against your will.
 - o Contacts can be made either directly (by Respondent themselves) or through someone else (for example, having a friend follow you or send messages)
 - "Repeated" means at least 2 incidents within the past 2 years. The incidents do not have to involve the same kind of contact or contact with the same person
 - o Contact can mean waiting outside your home, job, or school, following you, letters, phone calls, texts, or emails, or committing a crime against you
 - Contact with you includes any of these actions against a member of your immediate family or household
- The contacts must cause you to reasonably fear for the physical safety of yourself or a member of your immediate family or household

HOW DO I FILL OUT THE PAPERS TO GET A STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Fill out the *Petition for Stalking Protective Order* and the *Temporary Order on Petition/Citation for Stalking Protective Order*. Your court may have a facilitator or advocate available to help you with the forms. They cannot answer legal questions.

BE SURE TO FILL IN THE "COUNTY" SPOT AT THE TOP OF EACH FORM.

- Address and phone number You must give the court a contact mailing address and phone number where the court and sheriff can reach you. Your contact address must be in the state where you live. This information will be public and the respondent will also see it. You do NOT have to use your residential address or phone number. If you don't want the respondent to know where you live or have your phone number, you can use a safe contact address and contact phone number.
 - The court will assume you receive all communications at the contact address and phone number. Make sure you check both regularly so you know if the court has set hearings or needs information from you. If you do not appear for a hearing, the Judge may change any order or dismiss your case completely.

Complete the Service Information page with information about Respondent. This information will help the sheriff serve the order and judgment if your SPO is granted.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is no cost to file for a an SPO

WHERE DO I FILE FOR A STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER?

File in the county where the respondent lives or where the unwanted contacts happened. File at the Circuit Court courthouse. Go to www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/Pages/default.aspx to find court contact information. **NOTE:** your address may be closer to a court in a different county, and some towns may be in 2 counties. Call the court or talk to a lawyer if you are not sure where to file.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FILL OUT THE PAPERS?

When you file your *Petition* and *Temporary Order*, the clerk will tell you when and where to go for your hearing that same day or possibly the next day. Some courts have set times for this type of hearing, while others may have you see a judge immediately. The judge will look over your papers and may ask you questions. If the judge grants you a temporary protective order, court staff will make copies for you. A hearing will be scheduled for the judge to decide whether to make the order permanent.

You will need to have one copy of the temporary order delivered ("served") to the respondent by a sheriff's deputy. The court will send the temporary order to a sheriff for service.

You can also have a private process server or any competent adult serve the order, as long as the server lives in the state where the papers are served. You cannot serve the papers **yourself**. The server must complete a certificate of service and file it with the court. A form for this is in the packet but some servers use their own forms. Talk to the court clerk about ways to get the respondent served. The respondent cannot be punished for violating the order until after service.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE HEARING?

You must go to all scheduled hearings or the Judge may dismiss the order. If you cannot go to a hearing due to an emergency, call the court clerk right away. It may be helpful to have a lawyer represent you at the hearing, but it is not required. You may be able to appear by phone or video in some courts. Contact the court for more information.

If you are worried about your safety, you can ask for a sheriff's deputy to be present in the courtroom. Call the court before the hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to decide if the temporary order will be made permanent, and if so, whether it will change in some way. The judge may decide not to change the order even if both sides agree that they want the same changes.

At the hearing, you must prove that Respondent made repeated, unwanted contact with you or a member of your immediate family or household. You must also prove that you (or a

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¹ "Competent" means that a person who can understand, remember, and tell others about an event **Civil Stalking Instructions** OJD OFFICIAL (Feb 2022)

member of your immediate family or household) had fears about physical safety and that a reasonable person in your situation would be afraid. Be ready to give your own testimony, call witnesses, and give the judge any evidence you have (such as photos or copies of messages). If the protective order stays in effect, the law prohibits the respondent from having guns.

If the judge makes the order permanent, the court will give you copies of the *General Judgment re: Stalking Protective Order*. A copy must be served on Respondent if they do not attend the hearing.

HOW LONG DOES A STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER LAST?

If granted, a *General Judgment re: Stalking Protective Order* is permanent. Either party may ask the court to dismiss the SPO. If so, a hearing will be scheduled. Be sure the court always has a contact address that you check regularly. If a hearing is scheduled to terminate (end) the SPO, you will receive notice from the court at your contact address.

WHAT CAN I DO IF THE RESPONDENT VIOLATES THE SPO AFTER SERVICE?

You can call the police (**call 911**). The officer must arrest Respondent if the officer believes a violation happened. If the court finds a violation, Respondent can be fined, put on probation, or put in jail.

A protective order does not guarantee your safety. A domestic violence or sexual assault program can help you take other steps. For information about domestic violence resources, please visit our website - <u>www.courts.oregon.gov/dv</u>

DO I NEED A LAWYER?

You can apply for a SPO without a lawyer. You may want to talk to a lawyer if you have questions about how the law works or what it means. IF YOU WANT TO ASK FOR MONEY DAMAGES AS WELL AS AN SPO, YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY FIRST! Asking for money damages is extremely complicated. Requests must be properly classified and supported. Respondent can ask for a jury trial if you ask for money damages, which may take much longer to resolve.

If you need help finding a lawyer, call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or 800.452.7636, or go to www.osbar.org/public. If you believe you cannot afford a lawyer, ask court staff about legal services (legal aid) programs that might help you.

You can have a lawyer represent or help you if you want. You may be able to recover attorney fees.

WHAT IF I NEED AN ACCOMMODATION OR AN INTERPRETER?

You must tell the court as soon as possible if:

- you have a disability and need an accommodation, or
- you are unable to speak English and need a foreign language interpreter Tell the court at least four days before your hearing. Tell the clerk that you have a disability and what type of assistance you need or prefer, or which language you speak.

It is a good idea to carry a copy of the temporary order or judgment with you at all times

	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF	
		Case No:
	Petitioner	
v.	☐ Filed by Guardian ad litem	PETITION FOR STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER
٧.		Ex parte
	Respondent	
> I need	an interpreter: \square Spanish \square ASL $[$	other:
kno		mber : If you don't want the Respondent to number, use a contact address and telephone each you if necessary.
am the Pet	itioner. I declare that the following	information is true:
1. Reside :	ncy e county of	state of
		, state of
2. Age of Petition	Parties ner: Respon	dent:
unwan	ted contact with me or a member of be the incidents of contact beginning	ondent has engaged in repeated and my immediate family or household by g with the most recent. Include who was
a.	Date and approximate time:	
	Location:	
	Description:	
l.	Data and approximate times	
D.	**	
	Location:	

 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ Your parents, children, siblings, spouse or Registered Domestic Partner, grandparents, stepparents, and stepchildren, or anyone living in the same residence as you

	Description:
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c.	Date and approximate time:
	Location:
	Description:
d.	Date and approximate time:
	Location:
	Description:
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	Additional page attached
1. Respond	dent knew or should have known that the contact was unwanted because:
	dent's contacts made me afraid for my physical safety, or the safety of my iate family or a member of my household, because:
o. □ Resp	ondent made spoken or written threats directed at me that made me afraid of
physica	ıl harm
	n why you believe the threats would result in physical harm, including any at support your belief or show that Respondent is likely and able to carry out

nship with Respondent (check all that apply): Domestic Partners (current or former) r former) a minor child ionship (current or former) d or marriage earms (or has easy access to firearms) dy prohibited from possession or purchase of firearms or crmation (This information is optional. You do not have relationship to Respondent is. Your restraining order will not to provide relationship information.) roommate/cohabitant landlord neighbor
l Stalking Orders ining order or stalking order between Respondent and me
Case #:
Case #:
king Protective Order
e statements are true to the best of my knowledge are made for use as evidence in court and I am
ardian ad litem for Petitioner 🗌 Attorney for Petitioner
Signature
Name (printed)
City, State, ZIP Contact Phone (use a SAFE number)

Attorney for Petitioner	:	
Date	Signature	
OSB#	Name (printed)	
Address	City, State, ZIP	Phone

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF		
	Case No:	
Petitioner		
	TEMPORARY ORDER ON	
☐ <i>Filed by</i> Guardian ad litem v.	PETITION/CITATION FOR STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDER	
Respondent		
NOTICE TO RES	PONDENT	
Review this orde	er carefully	
• You must obey all provisions of this <i>Protective</i> O you permission to contact them	Order, even if Petitioner contacts you or gives	
• You must appear personally in this court at the date and time shown on the <i>Order to Show Cause</i> or a warrant may be issued for your arrest		
You may be arrested and subject to civil and crim	ninal penalties if you violate this order	
• This order is enforceable anywhere in Oregon ar	nd in every other state	
This matter came before the court on (date):	by Petition Citation	
THE COURT FINDS: ☐ Probable cause exists to grant a Temporary Stalk until further order of the court.	ing Protective Order. This Order is in effect	
THE COURT ORDERS:		
The Petition or Citation for Stalking Prot	ective Order is:	
□ DENIED□ Petitioner did not appear□ Petitioner did not establish a claim fo□ Other:	r relief	
☐ GRANTED. Respondent is prohibited finmediate family or household members dire		
"Contact" includes but is not limited to: > coming into the visual or physical presence of Pe	titioner	
 following Petitioner waiting outside the home, property, place of wor Petitioner's family or household (optional: list sp 	k or school of Petitioner or of a member of pecific addresses or locations you want included)	

- > sending or making written or electronic communications in any form to Petitioner
- speaking with Petitioner by any means
- communicating with Petitioner through a third person
- committing a crime against Petitioner
- > communicating with a third person who has some relationship to Petitioner with the intent of affecting the third person's relationship with Petitioner
- communicating with business entities with the intent of affecting some right or interest of Petitioner
- ▶ damaging Petitioner's home, property, place of work or school
- delivering directly or through a third person any object to the home, property, place of work or school of Petitioner
- > service of process or other legal documents unless Petitioner is served as provided in ORCP 7 or 9

NOTE: This Order does not prohibit Respondent from appearing at any scheduled court appearances in this case		
Other orders/exceptions:		
Judge Signature:		

Judge Signature:		
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Certificate of Readiness This proposed order is ready for judicial because this order is submitted ex par		uired under UTCR 5.100
Submitted by 🔲 Petitioner 🗌 Gua	rdian ad litem for Petitioner	
Date	Signature	
	Name (printed)	
Contact Address	City, State, ZIP	Contact Phone

SERVICE INFORMATION

The Respondent will receive a copy of this information

If you do not want Respondent to know your residential address or phone number, use a contact address in the state where you reside or a contact phone number so the court and the sheriff can reach you if necessary. Check for mail at this address frequently. The court will assume that you receive all notices sent to your contact address.

PETITIONER:(Name)				
Residence/C	ontact Address (Use a safe addr	ress): Str	eet, City, State, ZIP	
Contact Phone	Number	(Us	se safe contact number)	
Age	Race/Ethnicity	Height	Weight	
Eye Color	Hair Color			
RESPONDEN	Г: (Name)		_ 🗌 Female 🔲 Male 🗌 Nonbinary	
Residence Addr	ess			
Phone Number			County	
Age	Race/Ethnicity	Height	Weight	
Eye Color	Hair Color			
Where is Respo	PLEASE FILL OUT TO HELP WITH SERVICE (ndent most likely to be found?	OF THE RESTRA	AINING ORDER	
Employment	HoursA	Aaaress above Address on CIF fo	rm	
Other:	Residence Hours			
Description o	f Vehicle			
	g about the Respondent's charac espondent may be a danger to s		, or the present situation that plain):	
Does Responde	nt have any weapons, or acces	s to weapons? (Explain):	
Has Responden	t ever been arrested for or co	nvicted of a viole	nt crime? (<i>Explain</i>):	

NOTICE TO PETITIONERS: RECEIVING ELECTRONIC NOTICE ABOUT STALKING ORDERS

The sheriff is required to provide you with proof of service showing when your Stalking Protective Order has been served

<u>USE THIS FORM</u> if you would also like to receive electronic notice by text message and/or email when your *Stalking Protective Order* has been served or is about to expire

The information below will be given to the sheriff for the county where the *Stalking Protective Order* is issued

DO NOT FILE THIS FORM WITH THE COURT!

Give or send it to the sheriff for the county where you filed for your Stalking Protective Order

This is a VOLUNTARY option. You do not have to provide this information. The sheriff will still notify you when your *Stalking Protective Order* has been served.

If your contact address or phone number changes, you must separately inform the court that issued the Order. If the information below changes, notify the sheriff.

PETITIONER'S NOTICE TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF ELECTRONIC CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name:	
Respondent's Name:	
Court Case #:	
County where <i>Order</i> Issued:	
Your cell phone number:	
Cell Carrier (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon. etc.):	
Your email address:	

NOTICE TO PETITIONERS RECEIVING ELECTRONIC NOTICE ABOUT PROTECTIVE ORDERS

USE THIS FORM IF:

 You have <u>already provided</u> your email address or cell phone number to the sheriff's office to receive electronic notice when your *Stalking Protective Order* has been served or is about to expire

AND

• Your email address or cell phone number has changed

DO NOT FILE THIS FORM WITH THE COURT

The information below must be provided to the sheriff's office in the county where the *Stalking Protective Order* was issued

If your contact address or phone number has changed, you must separately inform the court that issued the Order

This form can be used ANYTIME a stalking protective order is in effect and you have changed your email address or cell phone number and still want to receive electronic notice from the sheriff's office about service or expiration.

PETITIONER'S NOTICE TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name:	
Respondent's Name:	
Court Case #:	
County where Order Issued:	
Your new cell phone number:	
Cell Carrier (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon. etc.):	
Your new email address:	

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF _____

	Case No:
Petitioner	
Filed by Guardian ad litem	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
□ Fuea by Guardian ad Item v.	
	Stalking Protective Order
Respondent	
I, (name)	_, declare that I am a resident of the state of
	son 18 years of age or older. I am not a party to or
I certify that on (date)at (tim	e)(am/pm),
I certify that on $(date)$ at (tim) I served the Respondent named above by delivering the	following documents in person to
(address or location of service)	
☐ Temporary Order on Petition/Citation for Stalking Protective Order ☐ General Judgment re: Stalking Protective Order ☐ Other (name all forms or documents served)	
I hereby declare that the above statements are tr I understand they are made for use as evidence i perjury.	
Date	Signature of Server
	Print Name
If person serving is NOT a sheriff or sheriff's deputy, ac	ldress and phone number of server:

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FIREARMS - RESTRAINING OR STALKING ORDER YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS!!!

YOU MUST SURRENDER ALL FIREARMS WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER UPHOLDING OF A CONTESTED ORDER, WITHDRAWAL OF A REQUEST FOR A CONTESTED HEARING, NON-APPEARANCE AT A CONTESTED HEARING OR THIRTY DAYS FROM SERVICE IF NOT CONTESTED AND SIGN AND RETURN THE "RESPONDENT'S/DEFENDANT'S DECLARATION OF FIREARMS SURRENDER" WITH APPROPRIATE ATTACHMENTS WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THIS DEADLINE.

- 1. **If you do not own or possess firearms**, check the first box and sign the form and file it with the Court and Tillamook County District Attorney's Office.
- 2. If you own firearms and wish to surrender them to law enforcement, check the appropriate boxes and sign the form and file it with the Court and Tillamook County District Attorney's Office. To surrender your firearms to law enforcement, you must immediately call the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office at 503-815-3330 to arrange surrender. When you call, ask for the office manager or deputy sheriff. Inform the office manager or deputy sheriff that you are the Respondent in a restraining or stalking order that requires surrender of firearms. Follow the instructions you receive. Do not bring your guns to the Sheriff's Office unless you have made prior arrangements with the office manager or deputy sheriff. If the office manager or deputy sheriff is not available, leave a detailed message and include your name, your telephone numbers, and the court case number. You will be contacted to make an appointment. If you do not receive a call back within two hours, call again. You must bring a copy of the court order to the Sheriff's Office along with your guns. When you arrive at the Sheriff Office, keep your unloaded guns locked inside your vehicle – in the trunk if possible. Report to the Sheriff's Office front window located in the lobby, give them a copy of the court order and inform them the guns are in your vehicle. The deputy sheriff or office manager will tell you what to do next. A representative of the Sheriff's Office will sign the "Proof of Firearms Transfer" form. You must attach this form to your Declaration prior to filing it with the Court and the Tillamook County District Attorney's office. Surrender to law enforcement must occur within 24 hours of the deadline explained above.
- 3. If you own firearms and wish to transfer your firearms to a third party rather than surrender them to law enforcement, check the appropriate boxes and sign the form and file it with the Court and Tillamook County District Attorney's Office. In addition, the third party must sign the "Proof of Firearms Transfer" form and the "Third Party Recipient's Declaration of Firearms Receipt" form. You must attach these two forms to your Declaration prior to filing it with the Court and Tillamook County District Attorney's Office.

The third party must be approved by the Tillamook's County Sheriff's Office via an Oregon State Police background check as legally entitled to possess firearms. If the third party passes the background check you will be given an OSP background check number that you must write on both forms. If you choose this option, you must immediately call the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office to arrange for this transfer. Transfer to a third party must occur within 24 hours of the deadline explained above.

4. If you own firearms and wish to transfer your firearms to a licensed gun dealer rather than surrender them to law enforcement or a third party, check the appropriate boxes and sign the form and file it with the Court and Tillamook County District Attorney's Office. In addition, the licensed gun dealer must sign the "Proof of Firearms Transfer" form. This transfer form must be attached to your declaration prior to filing it with the Court and the Tillamook County District Attorney's Office. Transfer to a licensed gun dealer must occur within 24 hours of the deadline explained above.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF **Case No: _____** Petitioner/Plaintiff RESPONDENT'S/DEFENDANT'S v. **DECLARATION OF** FIREARMS SURRENDER Respondent/Defendant **Declaration** I am the Respondent/Defendant in this case. I am subject to a court order to surrender firearms. Check one: I had no firearms in my possession at the time of the court's order. I do not currently possess any firearms. All firearms and ammunition in my possession have been transferred to: a law enforcement agency (name): a gun dealer *(name)*:_____ a third party who does not live with me (name): ______ ☐ A proof of transfer or receipt is attached *(required)* ☐ I am asserting my constitutional right against self-incrimination. I decline to make any statement about firearms. I HAVE FILED COPIES OF THIS *DECLARATION* (AND THE *DECLARATION* FROM THIRD PARTY RECIPIENTS, IF ANY) WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY (required) I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury. Submitted by Respondent/Defendant Signature of Respondent/Defendant Date Name (printed) Address City, State, ZIP Phone

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF

PROOF OF FIREARMS TRANSFER

Complete this form if you have received firearms and ammunition from the respondent/defendant named below¹

Name of person surrendering	firearms:	
Case #:		
Date of transfer:		
RECIPIENT'S INFORMATION:		
I, (full name)		received firearms and/or
ammunition from the Respon	dent/Defendant named above	
*OSP background check □ licensed gun dealer	es not live with Respondent/Defendenter: gency representative (agency name)	(required for third parties)
☐ Ammunition was surrende☐ The following firearms wen		
Serial Number	Make and Model (or description,	if make/model unavailable)
☐ Additional page attac	hed	
Date	Signature of recipie	ent
	Name (printed)	

 $^{^1}$ Law enforcement and gun dealers may have their own proof of transfer or receipt forms. If so, attach that document to the Respondent's Defendant's Declaration of Firearms Surrender.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF Case No: Petitioner/Plaintiff THIRD PARTY RECIPIENT'S v. DECLARATION OF FIREARMS RECEIPT Respondent/Defendant NOTICE TO RECIPIENT You are subject to criminal and/or civil penalties if: > You allow Respondent/Defendant access to firearms or ammunition during the time they are prohibited from possession You are subject to any court order prohibiting you from possessing firearms or ammunition **Declaration** I, (full name) ____ received firearms and/or ammunition surrendered by Respondent/Defendant By my initials here > I swear to the court that all the following statements are true > I am aware that Respondent/Defendant is subject to a court order to surrender all firearms and ammunition and prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition I am not a law enforcement officer or gun dealer or not acting in my official capacity as a law enforcement officer or gun dealer ➤ I do not live with Respondent/Defendant ➤ I completed a Proof of Transfer listing the firearms and/or ammunition Respondent/Defendant surrendered to me ➤ I passed a background check by a law enforcement agency or gun dealer (required) The OSP background check number is: _____ I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury. Date Signature of Recipient Name (printed)

City, State, ZIP

Address

Phone