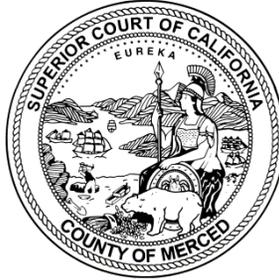


**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED**



CIVIL HARASSMENT

To respond to a Civil Harassment Restraining Order

FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET	
How Can I Respond to a Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders?	Judicial Council Form #CH-120-INFO
FORMS FOR RESTRAINED PARTY TO FILE AND SERVE:	
Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders	Judicial Council Form #CH-120
Request for Interpreter (Civil)	Judicial Council Form #INT-300
Proof of Service of Response by Mail	Judicial Council Form #CH-250

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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 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: _____

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: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of _____

Court mis in case number when form is filed.

Case Number: _____

2 Person From Whom Protection Is Sought

Full Name: _____

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 Civil Harassment Restraining Orders, 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
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Code of Civil Procedure, § 527.6
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**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 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 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 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, 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 for *Disability Accommodation Request* (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
MERCED
___ 627 W. 21st Street, Merced, CA
95340
___ 1159 G Street, Los Banos, CA
93635

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

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.

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 by Mail.)

① Person Seeking Protection

Full 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 email.)

Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email Address: _____

③ Personal Conduct Orders

- a. I agree to the orders requested.
- b. I do not agree to the orders requested. (Specify why you disagree in item ⑪ on page 3.)
- c. I agree to the following orders (Specify below or in item ⑪ on page 3.)

④ Stay-Away Orders

- a. I agree to the orders requested.
- b. I do not agree to the orders requested. (Specify why you disagree in item ⑪ on page 3.)
- c. I agree to the following orders (specify below or in item ⑪ on page 3):

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.



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 ask for an exemption from the firearms prohibition under Code of Civil Procedure section 527.9(f) because carrying a firearm is a condition of my employment, and my employer is unable to reassign me to another position where a firearm is unnecessary. (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 6b—Firearms Surrender Exemption" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

- c. 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. (Specify why you disagree in item 11 on page 3.)
- c. I agree to the following orders (specify below or in item 11 on page 3):

8 Other Orders

- a. I agree to the orders requested.
- b. I do not agree to the orders requested. (Specify why you disagree in item 11 on page 3.)
- c. I agree to the following orders (specify below or in item 11 on page 3):

9 Denial

I did not do anything described in item 7 of form CH-100. (Skip to 11.)



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.

11 **Reasons I Do Not Agree to the Orders Requested**

Explain your answers to each order requested that you do not agree with.

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 11—Reasons I Disagree" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

12 **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.*)

13 **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 and write "Attachment 13—Lawyer's Fees and Costs" for a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.*
- 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.

14 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.

Fill out this form if you or a witness in your case needs an interpreter when you are in court.

See instructions on page 2 of this form for more information.

1 Your Information (person requesting an interpreter). *If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information.*

Name: _____

State Bar No.: _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

**Superior Court of California, County of
MERCED**

___ 2260 N Street, Merced, CA 95340

___ 627 W. 21st St., Merced, CA 95340

___ 1159 G St., Los Banos, CA 93635

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:

2 I am a party in this case (check one item below):

Plaintiff/Petitioner Defendant/Respondent Other (describe): _____

3 I need an interpreter in the following language when I am in court:

- español (Spanish) Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) 한국어 (Korean) 普通话 (Mandarin)
 广东话 (Cantonese) فارسی (Farsi/Persian) русский (Russian) Tagalog (Tagalog)
 العربية (Arabic) ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi) Other: _____

Include town of origin, if you speak an indigenous language: _____

4 I have a witness who needs an interpreter for the following court date:

(Complete a separate form for each witness.)

a. Date: _____ Time: _____

Department and judicial officer, if known: _____

No date is set yet.

b. The witness needs an interpreter in (check one):

The language marked above **OR**

Other (enter the language the witness speaks): _____

Date: _____



Signature of party or attorney



Your Name:

Case Number:

INSTRUCTIONS

- Court proceedings are in English. If a party or witness does not speak or understand English well, he or she may need an interpreter. The interpreter will allow him or her to testify, speak to the judge, and understand what others are saying in court. Certified and registered court interpreters are trained to interpret in court. If you need language help, you can ask the court to provide a court interpreter by filling out the first page of this form.
- You should complete this form if you or a witness in your case needs an interpreter. A witness is someone who provides information in court, under oath. You should complete a separate form for every witness who needs language help. Complete the first page and file it with the court. Check with your local court to find out how far in advance you must file a request for an interpreter. You can also find out when the court will answer your request.
- Courts try to provide an interpreter in every language and in every civil case. The court will provide you with a response to let you know if your request was granted. Sometimes, a court cannot provide an interpreter in every case.



Request for Accommodations

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.)

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

1 Name of Person Asking for Protection:

2 Name of Person to Be Restrained:

3 Notice to Server

The server must:

- Be 18 years of age or over.
- Not be listed in items **1**, **2**, or **3** of form CH-100, *Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*.
- Mail a copy of all documents checked in **4** to the person in **5**.

4 I (the server) am 18 years of age or over and live in or am employed in the county where the mailing took place. I mailed a copy of all documents checked below to the person in 5:

- a. CH-120, *Response to Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Orders*
- b. CH-130, *Civil Harassment Restraining Order After Hearing*
- c. Other (*specify*): _____
- _____
- _____

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

- a. Name of person served: _____
- b. To this address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- c. Mailed on (*date*): _____
- d. 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: _____

7 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

Fill in court name and street address:

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Fill in case number:

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