



Family Court

Complaint for an Order of Protection and Motion for Temporary Ex Parte Order of Protection

☐ Newport County	☐ Washington County	Civil Action File Number
☐ Kent County	☐ Providence/Bristol County	
☐ Domestic Abuse ☐ Sexual Exploitation ☐ Sexual Abuse ☐ Domestic Abuse with Juvenile Involvement		

Plaintiff,	Date of Birth	_____
_____,		
☐ Individually only	or	☐ Individually and as
		☐ Parent of,
		☐ Guardian of, or
		☐ Under Power of Attorney for:
		☐ Only as
		☐ Parent of,
		☐ Guardian of, or
		☐ Under Power of Attorney for:
a. _____		_____
b. _____		_____
c. _____		_____
d. _____		_____
e. _____		_____
v.		
Defendant,	Date of Birth	_____
_____,		
☐ Individually only	or	☐ Individually and as
		☐ Parent of,
		☐ Guardian of, or
		☐ Under Power of Attorney for:
		☐ Only as
		☐ Parent of,
		☐ Guardian of, or
		☐ Under Power of Attorney for:
_____ (Name)		

Pursuant to Chapter 15 of Title 15 (Domestic Abuse Prevention) or Chapter 37.2 of Title 11 (Sexual Assault Protective Orders) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, I request that this court enter an order protecting me and/or the above-named children ("the children") from abuse.

1. My full name, present street address, city, and state are as follows: _____.
2. My former residence, which I have left to avoid abuse, is as follows: _____.
3. The full name, present street address, city, and state of the person causing me abuse from whom I am seeking protection are as follows: _____.

4. I have no knowledge of the existence of other lawsuits, orders of protection, or no contact orders between the parties including divorce, separation, child custody, orders or protection, and criminal no contact orders. I have not sought a protection order from the Family Court or any other court for the same facts or circumstances alleged in this complaint except in the following cases. (Please state "None" or provide the applicable case numbers.) _____.

5. My relationship to the defendant is as follows. (Check the box that applies.)

- ☐ We are or were formerly married to one another.
- ☐ I am a blood relative or relative by marriage of the defendant. The defendant is my _____.
- ☐ The defendant and I together are the legal parents of one (1) or more children.
- ☐ I am the parent of one (1) or more children to which the defendant is not a blood relative or relative by marriage.
- ☐ The defendant and I are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship within the past one (1) year and either one of us or both of us have one (1) or more minor children who are unrelated to the other adult in the relationship.
- ☐ The defendant and I have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship within the past one (1) year in which at least one (1) of us is a minor.
- ☐ No family or substantive dating relationship exists between the defendant and my children or me. (Check this box **only** if you are alleging sexual abuse or sexual exploitation.)

6. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the defendant is not in the military service as defined by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C.A. § 3931) and is not a member of the national guard on state active duty for a continuous period exceeding ninety (90) days as defined by G.L. 1956 § 30-7-10.

7. On or about _____, the children and/or I suffered abuse when the defendant: (Check the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ Threatened or harmed my children and/or me with a weapon which was a _____.
- ☐ Attempted to cause my children and/or me physical harm.
- ☐ Caused my children and/or me physical harm.
- ☐ Placed my children and or me in fear of imminent physical harm.
- ☐ Caused my children and/or me to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat of force, or duress.
- ☐ Attempted to make my children and/or me engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat of force, or duress.
- ☐ Stalked, cyberstalked, and/or harassed the children and/or me.
- ☐ Sexually exploited and/or sex trafficked the children.

For these reasons, I ask that the Family Court: (Check the boxes that apply.)

☐ Order that the defendant be restrained and enjoined from contacting, assaulting, molesting, stalking, cyberstalking, harassing, or otherwise interfering with the children and/or me at home, on the street, or elsewhere.

☐ Order that the defendant surrender all firearms to the Rhode Island State Police or the local police department or a federally licensed firearms dealer within seventy-two (72) hours of notice (service) of the surrender order.

☐ Order the defendant to immediately **vacate or remain out of the household** which is located at _____.

☐ Order that the defendant shall **not** terminate or disrupt any utility service at my residence without a prior court order.

☐ Award me temporary custody of the following minor children of whom I am the parent, guardian, or legal custodian: _____.

☐ Order that the defendant pay me support for my minor children as required by law for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

days.

☐ Order the following for the safety and welfare of household animals or pets. _____.

I request that the above relief be ordered without notice because the specific facts shown by affidavit and/or by the verified complaint clearly demonstrate that the children and/or I will suffer immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage before notice can be served and a hearing had thereon.

I understand that the court will schedule a hearing no later than twenty-one (21) days after such order is entered on the question of continuing the ex parte temporary order for protection and that at the hearing I will present evidence in support of this complaint.

I understand that if I fail to appear at the scheduled hearing date, the Ex Parte Temporary Order of Protection and this complaint may be dismissed.

Verification of Complaint

I make this complaint under oath and state that the facts and allegations contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Name of the Plaintiff
_____ Signature
Date: _____

State of _____

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____ ☐ personally known to me or ☐ who proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was _____, to be the person who signed above in my presence, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful to the best of his or her knowledge.

Notary Public: _____

My commission expires: _____

Notary identification number: _____

Notice Pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 15-15-3(c)

A person restrained under G.L. 1956 § 15-15-3 shall be ordered pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 11-47-5(c) to surrender possession of any firearms while the protective order is in effect and shall be entitled to a hearing within fifteen (15) days of surrendering any firearms.