

HOW TO APPLY FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER - Page Two

*If you have carefully followed steps 1-6, your temporary restraining order has been properly filed, served and registered with the police department. **HOWEVER**, you must follow further procedures to ensure that you get a full restraining order and ongoing police protection.*

II. ORDER AFTER HEARING (LASTS UP TO 5 YEARS)

- 7. **PREPARE COURT FORM:** In your packet of forms, you have a court form called RESTRAINING ORDER AFTER HEARING (ORDER OF PROTECTION) (DV-130). This form should be filled out prior to the hearing. If you need help with this form, prior to your hearing date, bring a copy of your temporary restraining order to Legal Aid's Domestic Violence Clinic, LB Courthouse, Room 1003/1004, ANY Monday/Wednesday/Friday: **Intake at 9 a.m.**
- 8. **SCHEDULED COURT HEARING:** You **MUST** attend court on the day and at the time noted on your court order. Be there early, dress appropriately (like going to church or an interview) and be polite with all court staff. **Don't forget your completed Proof of Service form & your prepared DV-130!!** What happens in Court?
 - A. **If you do not appear in court for the hearing, you will no longer have a restraining order.**
 - B. If you do appear at the hearing **with a valid Proof of Service**, and if the restrained person chooses not to appear at the hearing, and *if the facts support it*, you will most likely get some type of restraining order.
 - C. If you and the restrained person both show up at the hearing, the judge will ask questions of both of you. Be sure to let the judge know why you still need the Court's protection. The judge may issue the order, depending on what both of you state in court.
 - D. If there are children involved and both you and the restrained person appear in court for the hearing, the judge may require both of you to see a court mediator in Conciliation Court (3rd Floor) in order to resolve problems with child custody and visitation.
- 9. **FILING (3rd time):** After the hearing, file the new order in the Family Law Clerk's Office & get 2 copies.
- 10. **SERVICE (2nd time):** If the restrained person did not appear in court, he/she must be served with the RESTRAINING ORDER AFTER HEARING (DV-130). Probably, this will again require personal service (see #5 over.) **You will need another completed and signed Proof of Service form (and a photocopy of it.)**
- 11. **FILING (4th time):** You must file the original Proof of Service in the Family Law Clerk's Office & keep a copy.
- 12. **POLICE (2nd time):** You must take the RESTRAINING ORDER AFTER HEARING and a copy of the new Proof of Service (if required) to the LB Police Department immediately so that your order will be entered in the CLETS statewide database, which enables the police to provide better protection for you! **Note: Your temporary restraining has expired so the police do not have records of a current order protecting you until you complete this step.**

*Congratulations!! If you have carefully completed steps 1-12, you should now have a valid restraining order, signed by a judge, filed with the court, served on the restrained person, and entered into the CLETS statewide database. **Remember:***

- § **You should carry a copy of your restraining order with you at all times.**
- § **Also keep a copy in your home, car, workplace, child's school/daycare/babysitter etc.**
- § **Focus on your safety at all times. Call 911 for any emergency.**
- § **Call any of the resources below for general questions relating to domestic violence.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/LONG BEACH AREA REFERRALS

Long Beach Police Department/Domestic Violence Unit.....	(562) 570-7277
Long Beach City Prosecutor	(562) 570-5600
Long Beach District Attorney	(562) 247-2000
D.A.'s Victim Witness Assistance Program	(562) 247-2068 or (800) 380-3811
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles/Long Beach Office	(562) 435-3501

Shelters

WomenShelter of Long Beach	(562) HER-HOME or (562) 437-4663
Su Casa, Lakewood/Artesia.....	(562) 402-4888
Rainbow, San Pedro	(310) 547-9343
Interval House, Long Beach/Seal Beach.....	(562) 594-4555
1736 Family Crisis Center, Redondo Beach.....	(310) 388-7652
Animal Safety Net (temporary shelter for pets of DV survivors in shelter).....	(888) 527-7722

Hotlines

Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 978-3600
Los Angeles County Child Abuse Hotline	(800) 540-4000
Sexual Assault Hotline	(800) 656-HOPE or (800) 656-4673
Suicide Crisis Line.....	(877) 727-4747
Animal Protection Services	(800) 540-SPCA or (800) 540-7722