

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
HARASSMENT**

CASE NUMBER:  
DOCUMENT No.:

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
HARASSMENT**

VS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

**THE PETITIONER** has filed a petition and affidavit for a harassment protection order requesting that the following relief be granted:

- \_\_\_\_ 1. respondent be prohibited from imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the petitioner.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. respondent be prohibited from harassing, threatening, assaulting, molesting, attacking, or otherwise disturbing the peace of the petitioner.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. respondent be prohibited from telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating with the petitioner.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the respondent may appear and show cause, if any there be, why a harassment protection order should not be issued as requested by the petitioner. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this order and a copy of the petition be served on the respondent and a copy of this order be mailed to the petitioner.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**A HEARING** on the matter has been set for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ .M. at District Courtroom, \_\_\_\_\_ County Courthouse, \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska. You may appear before the court at this time, if you wish, to show cause why a protection order should not be entered.

**NOTICE TO PETITIONER: You must appear at the place, date and time shown to show cause why a protection order should be entered. Failure to appear may result in the protection order not being issued.**

SIGNED on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Deemed entered upon filing by clerk.)

If checked, the Court Clerk shall:

- Mail a copy of this order to petitioner.  
Done on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Deliver original to sheriff for service/return on respondent.  
Done on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Enter note on trial docket: [date of filing] Upon affidavit, signed "Order to Show Cause Harassment" entered.  
Done on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

PURSUANT to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, this order is enforced in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, tribal lands and U.S. territories. Moreover, if an order is entered after a hearing of which you had actual knowledge and an opportunity to participate, whether or not you actually participated and if the court order restrains you from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child, you may be subject to a federal penalty for possessing, transporting, or accepting a firearm or ammunition under the 1994 amendment to the Gun Control Act.

**PROTECTION ORDER  
INFORMATION  
HARASSMENT**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

A harassment protection order is a court order issued to a victim who has been harassed, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-311.09, et seq. In order to qualify for a harassment protection order, the petitioner must show that the respondent has engaged in a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at the petitioner which seriously terrifies, threatens or intimidates the petitioner and which serves no legitimate purpose. A course of conduct is defined as a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose, including a series of acts of following, detaining, restraining the personal liberty of, or stalking, telephoning, contacting or otherwise communicating with the petitioner.

A protection order may prohibit the respondent from imposing any restraint upon the petitioner or liberty of the petitioner, harassing, threatening, assaulting, molesting, attacking or otherwise disturbing the peace of the petitioner, and telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating with the petitioner.

Fees to cover costs associated with the filing, issuance, or service of a protection order shall not be charged, except that a court may assess such fees and costs if the court finds that the statements contained in the application were false and that the protection order was sought in bad faith. The court may assess costs against the adverse party at the final hearing.

Once the protection order petition is granted, it may not be withdrawn except upon order of the court. The protection order shall be effective for one year unless otherwise modified by the court.

In order to qualify for a harassment protection order, the petition shall state the events and dates of acts constituting the alleged harassment.

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

If there has been an **Ex Parte** Protection Order served upon you and you wish to request a hearing to show cause why the order should not remain in effect, you must request a hearing on the provided "Request for Hearing" form by completing the form and returning it to the clerk of the district court at the address listed at the bottom of the form. You must return the form within five (5) days after you have been served. The court will schedule a hearing within thirty (30) days after reviewing your

request and shall notify you and the petitioner of the hearing date. **Ex Parte** means "done for, in behalf of, or on the application of, one party only".

If there is a hearing scheduled and you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the application for a protection order, you must appear at the hearing. You are warned that if you fail to appear, the case will proceed without you and a final order may be entered against you for the relief requested in the petition. You are required to obey the terms of the protection order as soon as it is served upon you.

If you disobey the terms of the protection order you will be subject to the following **Nebraska Revised Statutes**.

**Violation of a Protection Order:** Any person convicted of violating the terms of a protection order after being served shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-311.09 (4).

**Penalties:** A Class II misdemeanor is punishable by not more than six months imprisonment, or one thousand dollar fine, or both. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-106)

If a protection order has been issued against you, the following **United States Federal Statutes** apply to the issuance of a valid protection order.

**Full Faith and Credit Provision:** Pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. § 2265, this order is enforceable in all fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, tribal lands and U.S. territories. The penalties for violation of this order are determined by the existing penalty of the location in which the violation occurred. Nebraska's Harassment Full Faith and Credit provisions are found in § 28-311.10.

**Interstate Domestic Violence:** If you travel across state or tribal land with the intent to injure the petitioner and then intentionally commit a crime of violence causing bodily injury to the petitioner, you may be convicted of committing a federal offense under the VAWA, 18 U.S.C. § 2261(a)(1). You may also be convicted of committing a federal offense if you cause the petitioner to cross state or tribal land lines for this purpose. 18 U.S.C. § 2262(a)(2).

**Interstate Violation of a Protection Order:** If you travel across state or tribal land lines with the intent to violate the final protection order and subsequently violate such order, you may be convicted of committing a federal offense under the VAWA, 18 U.S.C. 2261(a)(1). You may also be convicted of committing a federal offense if you cause the plaintiff to cross state or tribal land lines for this purpose. 18 U.S.C. § 2262(a)(2).