

Civil Restraining Orders

| | Emergency Protective Orders (EPO) | Elder or Dependent Abuse Restraining Order | Domestic Violence Restraining Orders | Civil Harassment Restraining Orders |
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| You can get this kind of order if: | You are in danger. | You are 65 or older, or you are between 18 and 64 and have certain disabilities, and, you are a victim of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical or financial abuse, Neglect, abandonment or isolation, or Treatment that has physically or mentally hurt you. | You want to protect you and your family from someone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are dating (or used to date), You are married to (or were married to), or You are closely related to (like a parent, child, brother or sister, grandparent, or grandchild) You have a child with | You are worried about your safety because you are being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stalked, harassed, sexually assaulted, or threatened by someone you do not have a close relationship with, like a neighbor or roommate. This kind of order is not for people who have dated or who are closely related. |
| It can order someone to: | Stay away from you, your home, and your work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not contact you in any way Stay away from you and your home Move out of your home | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not contact you in any way Stay away from you, your home and your work Move out of your home The court can order either parent to pay child support or follow custody and visitation orders if you have children with that person. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not contact you in any way Stay away from you, your home (unless you are roommates), and your work |
| It lasts: | Up to 7 days. | Up to 3 years. | Up to 3 years. | Up to 3 years. |
| It costs: | It's free. | It's free. | It's free. | It depends on the type of harassment and/or your income. |
| You can get help from: | <p>Any police officer can help you with an emergency order.</p> <p>If you want protection for longer than 7 days, you must ask the Court for another kind of restraining order.</p> | <p>Legal Assistance to the Elderly 415-861-4444</p> <p>Adult Protective Services 415-557-5230 1-800-814-0009 (toll free)</p> <p>California Senior Legal Hotline 1-800-222-1753</p> | <p>Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic 415-252-2844 (Call for an appt.)</p> <p>Family Law Facilitator, Civic Center Courthouse, Room 009 415-551-3991 (recorded info) The Family Law Facilitator may also be able to help you with custody, visitation, and child support orders.</p> <p>National Domestic Violence Hotline Toll-free: 1-800-799-7233 TDD: 1-800-787-3224 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</p> <p>Community United Against Violence (CUAV) 415-333-HELP CUAV helps gays, lesbians and transgender people.</p> | <p>Civic Center Courthouse ACCESS, Room 208 415-551-5880 (recorded info)</p> <p>Bar Association of San Francisco Lawyer Referral Service 415-989-1616</p> <p>Community United Against Violence (CUAV) 415-333-HELP CUAV helps gays, lesbians and transgender people.</p> <p>Community Boards 415-920-3820 For help with mediation for cases not involving serious violence or threats.</p> |

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Open this brochure for more information on civil restraining orders

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Civil Harassment Restraining Orders

What is a restraining order?

A restraining order is a court order that protects you from physical, emotional, or financial abuse. It can also protect you from being stalked or harassed.

How much does it cost?

In most cases, restraining orders are free. See inside for more information.

What kind of orders can I get?

There are different kinds of civil restraining orders. To see which is right for you, see inside.

What if I need a *criminal* restraining order?

A District Attorney can ask for a criminal restraining order in a criminal case. For more information, contact the District Attorney at:

415-553-1752

Where can I get court forms or information?

Go to:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/protection

No One deserves to be abused

A guide to civil restraining orders



ACCESS

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www.sfgov.org/courts