

**Get copies.**

Get copies of your restraining order and Proof of Service from the court clerk:

- Keep 1 copy with you, always. You may need to show it to the police.
- Keep another copy in a safe place.
- Give a copy to anyone else protected by the order.
- Take copies to places where the restrained person is ordered not to go (school, work, daycare, etc.)
- Give a copy to the security officers in your apartment or office buildings.
- Make sure your local police have a copy, too. Ask them to enter it into CLETS, a special computer system that lets police all over the state find out about your order.

**If any problems, call the police.**

Call the police *right away* if the restrained person violates any of the orders. Also:

- Write down what happened, when, where, and the names of any witnesses.
- Get copies of police reports.
- If you are hurt, get copies of medical reports.

Even if you haven't served the orders yet, call the police.

Show the police a copy of your orders. If the restrained person is there, ask the officer to serve the orders. Ask the police to enter the Proof of Service into CLETS.



*If you're in danger, call 911!*

**Police can arrest.**

It is a crime to disobey the judge's orders.

The restrained person can:

- Be fined *or*
- Go to jail

Ask your local district attorney (D.A.) how he or she will handle your case. The D.A. may file criminal charges. You can always call the D.A. for information about a criminal case.

You can also file a civil contempt action. Ask the court clerk for forms.

**Guns**

The restrained person cannot:

- own
- have
- buy or try to buy

a gun or firearm while the order is in effect. If the person does, he or she can go to jail and pay a fine of \$1,000.