

# *Information About* Protection from Abuse

The Protection from Abuse Act is a state law which gives a court the power to issue a civil (non-criminal) order to protect certain people. They are:

- Spouses, or persons living as spouses, whether they live together now or did in the past
- Parents, children and other persons related by blood or marriage including persons who share biological parenthood
- Current or former sexual or intimate partners.

To be eligible for an order for protection from abuse, you must have been physically abused or be in real fear of serious physical abuse because of threats or menace, or have been sexually abused, or have been knowingly restrained (kept somewhere against your will with no safe way to escape).

You can file a petition asking a judge to grant you an order for protection from abuse. You do not need a lawyer to file the petition. You can do it Pro Se (which means for yourself).

## **Getting Help**

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**Petition forms:** The petition forms which must be completed to start a protection from abuse action may be obtained from the Bucks County Legal Aid Society, from the Prothonotary in the Family Court building, 30 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA, or from Magisterial District Judge offices.

**Help with the forms:** Free assistance, advice and guidance is provided by the Legal Aid Society. Call (215)348-0445 for Legal Aid's Abuse Line, or:

**Doylestown Office**  
**108 North Main Street**  
**Doylestown, PA 18901**  
**Phone: (215)340-1818**

**Legal representation in court:** An attorney will represent you in court free of charge through a cooperative effort of the Legal Aid Society and the Bucks County Bar Association. If you want a lawyer to be supplied for you through this program, contact the Legal Aid Society. If you file your petition on your own, without help from Legal Aid, make sure to call Legal Aid or your own private lawyer as soon as you file so that you can be represented at the hearing.

**Shelter:** Contact A Woman's Place at **1-800-220-8116** if you need shelter, want to arrange for someone to accompany you to the court hearing or want legal guidance and information.

## Full Order for Protection From Abuse

This order can last for up to three years. It is issued by the judge at a hearing at the Court of Common Pleas in Doylestown, which both you (the Plaintiff) and the person who is abusing you (the Defendant) must attend. To apply for a full order, you must fill out a petition asking the judge to order any of the following types of relief:

- Protection from abuse, harassment, threats or stalking.
- Evicting the defendant from the residence and/or granting you sole possession of the residence.
- Ordering the defendant not to have any contact with you and/or your children (if they have been physically abused or threatened with abuse) and/or an incompetent adult for whom you are a guardian.
- Ordering the defendant not to harass your relatives.
- Granting you temporary custody of the children.
- Ordering the defendant to pay financial support for you and the children (if the defendant has a duty to support).
- Ordering the defendant to give the police or sheriff any weapons which were used or threatened to be used in an incident of abuse.
- Ordering the defendant to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses you had as a result of the abuse.
- Ordering the defendant to pay your legal fees.

An ORDER page for the judge to fill in and sign on the day of the hearing is included in your petition. **Do not write on the ORDER page.**

## Temporary Order

Temporary orders may be entered by the court to provide protection between the time a petition is filed and the time of the court hearing. Court hearings take place five to ten business days after the date petitions are filed. Temporary orders last until the date of the court hearing. Final protection orders may last up to three years.

If there is an immediate and present danger of abuse while you wait for your hearing, you may fill out the part of your petition which asks the judge for a temporary order. When making this request you must appear before a Judge for an ex parte hearing. **Ex parte hearings are held Monday – Friday at 12 pm. In order to have the hearing on the same day you file your petition, you must be in the Prothonotary’s Office no later than 11:45 am.** The judge will decide whether to enter a temporary order based on the information about your case which you include in your petition and provide at the hearing.

If you do not meet the required time you will not be turned away from filing your petition you will simply be scheduled for an ex parte hearing on the next business day. If you need immediate protection from abuse, when the Court of Common Pleas is closed, you can ask for an Emergency Order from the on call magisterial district judge. The police will assist you in contacting the magisterial district judge on call.

## **Emergency Order**

A magisterial district judge may only issue an Emergency Order when there is a true emergency AND the Court of Common Pleas is closed. **Any Emergency Order issued will expire at the close of the next business day.** The Court of Common Pleas may replace the Emergency Order with a Temporary Order under certain situations and continue the conditions of protection until a hearing is scheduled (within 10 business days). Whether an Emergency Order is issued or not, you will need to appear at the Court of Common Pleas during the next business day. This would be to inquire about a Temporary Order being issued to continue the Emergency Order's conditions or if you need to petition the Court for a Temporary Order.

**In an emergency**, if you need immediate protection from abuse, when the Court of Common Pleas in Doylestown is closed, (after 4:15 PM weekdays, weekends and court holidays), you can ask for an Emergency Order from the on-call magisterial district judge. The police will assist you in contacting the magisterial district judge on-call.

If an Emergency Order is **GRANTED**:

**You must appear at the Court of Common Pleas the next business day** to request a Temporary Order. Further information will be given to you at that time concerning your attendance at an additional hearing on a following Wednesday morning.

If an Emergency Order in **NOT GRANTED**:

You may still request a Temporary Order and/or a Final Order **DIRECTLY** from the Court of Common Pleas (Doylestown). Again you will need to appear in person at the Court of Common Pleas to make this request.

The next business day, after requesting an Emergency Protection From Abuse Order (whether or not an Emergency Order has been granted), you may appear at the Court of Common Pleas to request a Temporary Order that will aid in protecting you in the days preceding the PFA final hearing. The Temporary Order may include additional types of relief including temporary custody, support, gun relinquishment mandates and no contact provisions.

**YOU DO NOT NEED AN EMERGENCY ORDER  
TO PETITION THE COURT FOR A  
TEMPORARY ORDER  
OR FINAL ORDER**

To request a **FINAL and/or TEMPORARY ORDER**, you must complete a petition and file it in person with the Court of Common Pleas (Family Court, Doylestown). The petition form is available at the Family Court, any District Court, or at Legal Aid Domestic Abuse (LADA) at 108 N. Main Street in Doylestown. You can also receive assistance in the process from LADA (215-348-0445).

**This petition will provide information necessary for the Final Order Hearing**

## **Where to File**

When the Court of Common Pleas is open: Go to the Prothonotary in the Family Court Building, 30 East Court Street, Doylestown, PA. You can call the Bucks County Legal Aid Society (340-1818) for an appointment if you want assistance in preparing the petition for filing.

At night, on weekends and during holidays: Go to the office of the Magisterial District Judge. Call the police to find out which Magisterial District Judge will be able to see you.

## **Court Costs**

No fees are charged by the Prothonotary at the time of filing. When your case is heard by a judge in the Court of Common Pleas, the judge may assess the fees or costs against the defendant or waive them.

## **Contempt: Violation of the Court Order**

If the defendant violates any protection from abuse order (emergency order, temporary order or full order) call the police. If the police do not arrest the defendant and file contempt charges, you may file an affidavit to hold the defendant in contempt. (Contempt means the defendant has willfully disobeyed the court order.) Such an affidavit may be obtained and filed at the office of the Magisterial District Judge. You can also file a contempt action against the defendant at the Prothonotary's Office in the Family Court Building, 30 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA. Contact Legal Aid or your private attorney if you would like assistance in preparing a private petition for contempt or if you would like to obtain information about the proceedings. An attorney from the District Attorneys Office is present for contempt proceedings. If the Defendant commits a criminal act such as assault or terroristic threats, you can also file criminal charges at the Magisterial District Judge Office if the police don't do so.

## **Registration of Protection from Abuse Orders**

**What is registration?** Registration is a way to make protection orders entered in one place enforceable in some other place. If you live in one county, such as Bucks, and work in another, such as Montgomery, you may want to register your order so that it is enforceable in both counties.

**How do I register an order entered elsewhere?** First, get a certified copy of the order. A certified copy is signed in ink by someone from the Prothonotary's office. The certification is evidence that the copy is correct and the order is valid.

**How do I get a certified copy?** Go to or write to the Prothonotary for the county court that issued your order. Ask for a "certified" copy of your order. If you make the request by mail, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**Then what?** Mail or deliver the certified copy to the Prothonotary for the county where you want to register the order. If you mail the order, include a written request that the order be registered. Also include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The Prothonotary will use the envelope to mail back to you a certified copy of the order showing proof that the order has been registered. It is then your responsibility to provide the certified copy of the registered order to the police department where enforcement may be necessary.

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE HEARING**

An Ex Parte hearing on the matter is scheduled for the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_\_\_ at 12 PM., in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, Bucks County Family Division/Court House,  
30/55 E. Court St, Doylestown, Pa

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Prothonotary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION**

\_\_\_\_\_ : AO6- \_\_\_\_\_  
  
v. \_\_\_\_\_ :  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ :

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER**

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following papers, you must appear at the hearing scheduled herein. If you fail to do so, the case may proceed against you and a FINAL order may be entered against you granting the relief requested in the petition. In particular, you may be evicted from your residence, be prohibited from possessing any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license and lose other important rights, including custody of your children. Any protection order granted by a court may be considered in subsequent proceedings under Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, including child custody proceedings under Chapter 53 (relating to child custody).

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M., in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, Bucks County Courthouse, 55 E. Court St, Doylestown, Pa

If an order of protection has been entered, you **MUST** obey the order until it is modified or terminated by the court after notice and hearing. If you disobey this order, the police or sheriff may arrest you. Violation of this order may subject you to a charge of indirect criminal contempt which is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail under 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6114. Violation may also subject you to prosecution and criminal penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Under federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 2265, this order is enforceable anywhere in the United States, tribal lands, U.S. Territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. If you travel outside of the

state and intentionally violate this order, you may be subject to federal criminal proceedings under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. § § 2261-2262.

If this order directs you to relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license to the sheriff, you may do so upon service of this order. As an alternative, you may relinquish any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided you and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6108.3. You must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license listed in the order no later than 24 hours after service of the order. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, you must provide an affidavit to the sheriff listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of the order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa. C.S.A. §6105.

Notice: Even if this order does not direct you to relinquish firearms, you may be subject to federal firearms prohibitions and federal criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(8).

***YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT YOU AT THE HEARING. THE COURT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, APPOINT A LAWYER FOR YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. IF YOU CANNOT FIND A LAWYER, YOU MAY HAVE TO PROCEED WITHOUT ONE.***

Bucks County Bar Association  
135 East State Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
800-273-2929

**BY THE COURT:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **J.**

**PETITION FOR PROTECTION  
FROM ABUSE ORDER**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**1. PLAINTIFF**

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First Middle Last Plaintiff's DOB

Plaintiff's Address:

Plaintiff's address is confidential or  Plaintiff's address is:

**V.**

**2. DEFENDANT**

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First Middle Last Suffix

**Defendant's Address:**

	<b>DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS</b>			
	DOB		HEIGHT	
	SEX		WEIGHT	
	RACE		EYES	
	HAIR			
	SSN			
	DRIVER'S LICENSE #			
	EXP DATE		STATE	

**CAUTION:**

- Weapon Involved**
- Weapon Present on the Property**
- Weapon Requested Relinquished**

Defendant's place of employment is:

- Check here if you have reason to believe that Defendant is a licensed firearms dealer; is employed by a licensed firearms dealer or manufacturer; is employed as a writer, researcher or technician in the firearms or hunting industry; or is required to carry a firearm as a condition of employment.

3. I am filing this Petition on behalf of:  Myself and/or  Another Person

If you checked "myself", please answer all questions referring to yourself as "Plaintiff". If you ONLY checked "another person", please answer all questions referring to that person as the "Plaintiff", and provide your name and address here, as filer, unless confidential.

Filer's Name:

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First Middle Last Suffix

Filer's address is confidential or  Filer's address is:

If you checked "Another Person", indicate your relationship with Plaintiff:

- parent of minor Plaintiff(s)
- applicant for appointment as guardian ad litem of minor Plaintiff(s)
- adult household member with minor Plaintiff(s)
- court appointed guardian of incompetent Plaintiff(s)

4. Names(s) of all persons, including minor child/ren who seek protection from abuse:

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5. Indicate the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant:

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- spouse or former spouse of Defendant
- parent of a child with Defendant
- current or former sexual or intimate partner with Defendant
- child of Plaintiff
- child of Defendant
- family member related by blood (consanguinity) to Defendant
- family member related by marriage or affinity to Defendant
- sibling (person who shares parenthood) of Defendant
  
- check here if Defendant is 17 years old or younger

6. Have the plaintiff and defendant been involved in any of the following court actions?

- Divorce
- Custody
- Support
- Protection From Abuse

*If you checked any of the above, briefly indicate when and where the case was filed and the court number, if known.*

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7. Has Defendant been involved in any criminal court action? \_\_\_\_\_ Is Defendant currently on probation? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plaintiff and Defendant are the parents of the following minor children:

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Age(s)</u>	<u>who reside at (list address unless confidential)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. If Plaintiff and Defendant are parents of any minor child/ren together, is there an existing court order regarding their custody? \_\_\_\_\_ If you answered Yes, describe the terms of the order (e.g., primary, shared, legal and/or physical custody) \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered Yes, in what county and state was the order issued?

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*If you are now seeking an order of child custody as part of this petition, list the following information:*

(a) Where has each child resided during the past five years?

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Address unless confidential</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Person(s) child lived with</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(b) List any other persons who are known to have or claim a right to custody of each child listed above.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Basis of Claim</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

10. The following other minor children presently live with the plaintiff:

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Age(s)</u>	<u>Plaintiff's relationship to child/ren</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

11. The facts of the most recent incident of abuse are as follows:

Approximate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

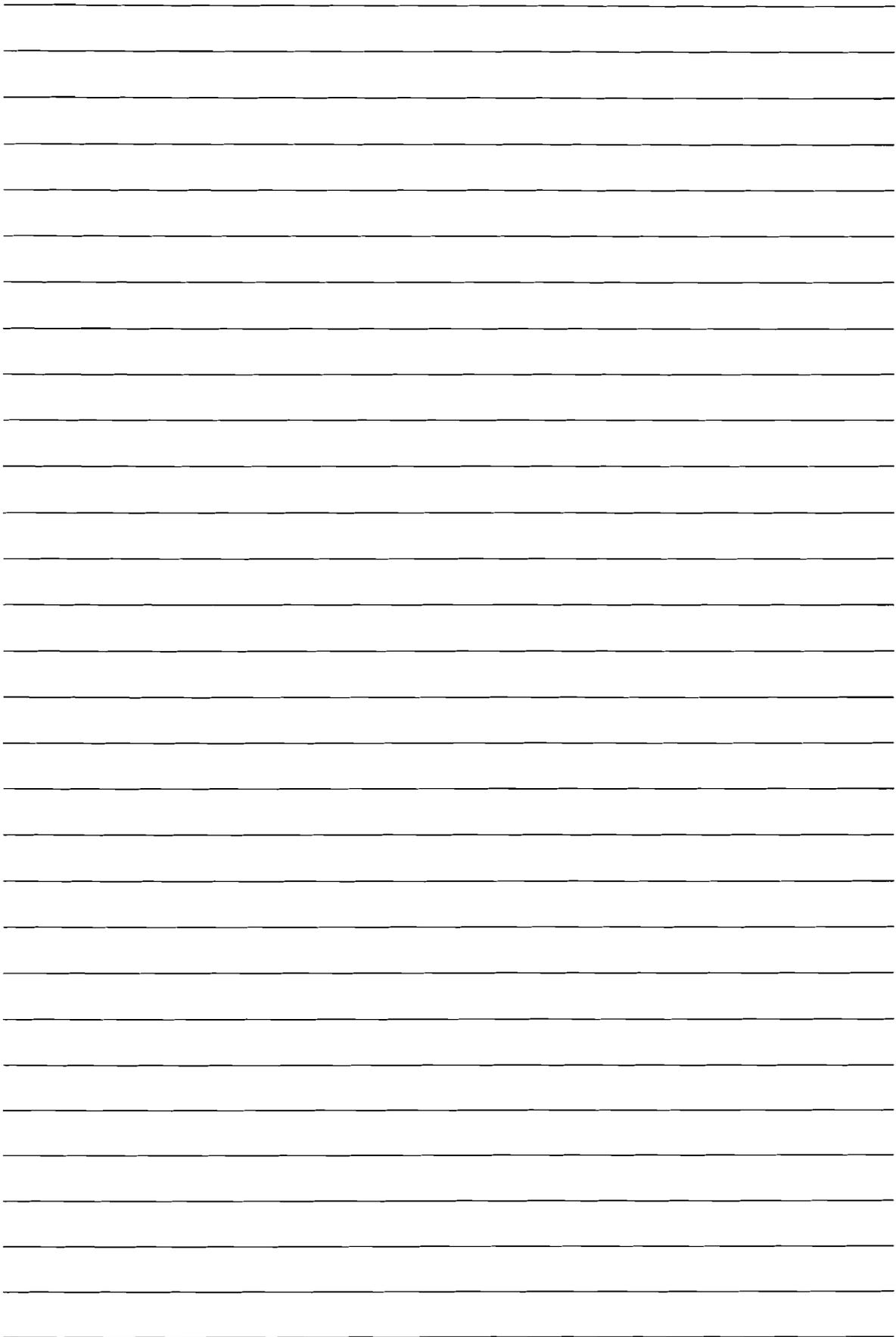
*Describe in detail what happened, including any physical or sexual abuse, threats, injury, incidents of stalking, medical treatment sought, and/or calls to law enforcement (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary):*

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13. (a) Has Defendant used or threatened to use any firearms or other weapons against the Plaintiff or the minor child/ren? If so, please describe the use or threatened use below and list on Attachment A to Petition, which is incorporated by reference into this petition, any firearms, other weapons or ammunition Defendant used or threatened to use against Plaintiff and/or the minor child/ren:

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(b) Other than the firearms, other weapons or ammunition Defendant used or threatened to use against Petitioner or the minor child/ren, does Defendant, to the best of your knowledge or belief, own or possess any additional firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license? \_\_\_\_\_

(c) If the answer to (b) above is "yes", list any additional firearm, other weapon or ammunition owned by or in the possession of Defendant on Attachment A to Petition, which is incorporated by reference in this petition.

(d) Plaintiff (check one)     DOES                             DOES NOT    request that the court order Defendant to relinquish firearms, other weapons or ammunition listed on Attachment A to Petition. If Plaintiff does seek relinquishment, identify on Attachment A to Petition the firearms, other weapons and ammunition Plaintiff requests the court to order Defendant to relinquish.

14. Identify the sheriff, police departments or law enforcement agencies in the area where Plaintiff lives that should be provided with a copy of a protection order:

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15. There is an immediate and present danger of further abuse from Defendant.

**CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOXES ONLY IF THEY APPLY TO YOUR CASE AND PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.**

Plaintiff is asking the court to evict and exclude Defendant from the following residence:

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owned by (list owners, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

rented by (list all names, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant owes a duty of support to Plaintiff and/or the minor child/ren.

Plaintiff has suffered out-of-pocket financial losses as a result of the abuse described above. Those losses are:

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**FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, I REQUEST THAT THE COURT ENTER A TEMPORARY ORDER, AND AFTER HEARING, A FINAL ORDER THAT WOULD DO THE FOLLOWING (CHECK ALL FORMS OF RELIEF REQUESTED).**

A. Restrain Defendant from abusing, threatening, harassing or stalking Plaintiff and/or the minor child/ren in any place where Plaintiff and/or the child/ren may be found.

B. Evict/exclude Defendant from Plaintiff's residence and prohibit Defendant from attempting to enter any temporary or permanent residence of Plaintiff.

C. Require Defendant to provide Plaintiff and/or the minor children with other suitable housing.

D. Award Plaintiff temporary custody of the minor child/ren and place the following restrictions on contact between Defendant and the child/ren:

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E. Prohibit Defendant from having any contact with Plaintiff and/or the minor child/ren, either in person, by telephone, or in writing, personally or through third persons, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff's school, business or place of employment, except as the court may find necessary with respect to partial custody and/or visitation with the minor child/ren.

F. Prohibit Defendant from having any contact with Plaintiff's relatives and Plaintiff's children listed in this petition, except as the court may find necessary with respect to partial custody and/or visitation with the minor children. The following persons are Plaintiff's relatives or family and household members that Plaintiff believes require protection from stalking and harassment by Defendant.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address (optional)</b>	<b>Relationship to Plaintiff</b>

G. Order Defendant to temporarily relinquish some or all of the firearms, other weapons and/or ammunition listed on Attachment A to Petition and any firearm license to the sheriff of this county and/or prohibit Defendant from transferring, acquiring or possessing some or all firearms for the duration of the order.

H. Order Defendant to pay temporary support for Plaintiff and/or minor child/ren, including medical support and  payment of the rent or mortgage on the residence.

I. Direct Defendant to pay Plaintiff for the reasonable financial losses suffered as the result of the abuse, to be determined at the hearing.

J. Order Defendant to pay the costs of this action, including filing and service fees.

K. Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff's reasonable attorney's fees.

L. Order the following additional relief, not listed above:

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M. Grant such relief as Plaintiff requests and/or the court deems appropriate.

N. Order the police, sheriff or other law enforcement agency to serve Defendant with a copy of this petition, any order issued and the order for hearing. The Plaintiff will inform the designated authority of any addresses, other than Defendant's residence, where Defendant can be served.

**VERIFICATION**

I verify that I am the petitioner as designated in the present action and that the facts and statements contained in the above petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**ATTACHMENT A TO PETITION  
FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INVENTORY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Plaintiff in this Protection From Abuse Action, hereby:

(a) state that Defendant used or threatened to use the following firearms, other weapons and ammunition against Plaintiff and/or the minor child/ren (include addresses or locations, if known, such as "front seat of blue truck," "gun cabinet," "bedroom closet," etc.):

<b>Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

(b) state that Defendant, to the best of my knowledge or belief, owns or possesses the following firearms, other weapons or ammunition not set forth in (a) above (include addresses or locations, if known):

<b>Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

(c) request that the court order Defendant to relinquish the following firearms, other weapons and ammunition (include addresses or locations, if known):

Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition	Location
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

[ ] All firearms, other weapons and ammunition owned or possessed by Defendant.

If more space is needed, more sheets may be attached to this document.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6108

(a)(7)(v).

**NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF**

A protection from abuse hearing will be held **Wednesday** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Report to the third floor lobby of the Bucks County Court House, 55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA, **Wednesday** morning by **9:00 a.m.** At that time, you will be directed to the courtroom where the hearing will be held. **If you fail to appear for the protection from abuse hearing, your petition may be dismissed with prejudice.**

It is strongly recommended that you be represented by a lawyer. You may obtain a lawyer free of charge by calling the Bucks County Legal Aid Society (781-1111 or 340-1818). Advice also may be obtained at anytime from A Woman's Place. A domestic violence counselor or advocate may accompany you to the protection from abuse hearing.

You have been advised of and understand the following:

1. You will not be assessed any fees or costs. At the conclusion of your hearing, the judge may assign the costs to the defendant or waive them.
2. That a sheriff will serve the petition and order(s) on the defendant and appropriate law enforcement agencies where enforcement may be necessary without prepayment of costs.
3. That clerical assistance in the writing and filing of the protection from abuse petition is supplied on request to plaintiffs who are not represented by lawyers.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prothonotary

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

A protection from abuse hearing will be held **Wednesday** \_\_\_\_\_. Report to the third floor lobby of the Bucks County Court House, 55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA, **Wednesday** morning by **9:00 a.m.** At that time, you will be directed to the courtroom where the hearing will be held. **Failure to appear at the hearing may result in entry of an order against you granting the relief requested by the person who is suing you.**

It is strongly recommended that you be represented by a lawyer. A lawyer will be available to help you free of charge on the day of the hearing. If you want to discuss your case with a lawyer *before* the day of the hearing, you may call the Bucks County Bar Association, 800-273-2929, to obtain a referral to a lawyer who may *not* be free. If you already are represented by a lawyer for family court matters, consider contacting this lawyer before your hearing date.

Read the attached papers carefully. They provide information about your case. They also provide information about protection from abuse law. Look for these papers in your package:

-- **Notice of Hearing and Order:** This paper was signed by a judge. It tells you the date and place of your hearing. It tells you how entry of a protection from abuse order may affect some of your rights.

-- **Petition for Protection from Abuse:** This paper was signed by the plaintiff, the person who is suing you. It tells you what the plaintiff wants the court to do. It tells you what the plaintiff is alleging about you.

-- **Temporary Protection from Abuse Order:** *If* your package contains a temporary protection from abuse order signed by a judge, then you **must** comply with the order. If you disobey this order of court, you risk arrest, a fine of \$1,000, and up to six months in jail. ***Do not return to live with the person who is suing if you have been ordered to stay away, even if the person invites you back or agrees that you may come back.*** You could be arrested, fined and incarcerated. The plaintiff cannot change the order. Only a judge can change the order.

**SERVICE INFORMATION FORM  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE USE ONLY**

*Important: The law requires that the defendant receive a copy of your petition for protection from abuse, of any Protection Order entered, and of the notice of the court hearing date and time. Getting these papers to the Defendant is called service.*

*You or any other adult may serve the papers on the Defendant. If you believe that service can only be made safely by a Law Enforcement Officer, then service will be made by the Sheriff's Office. If you want the Sheriff to make service, complete this form carefully and accurately.*

*Please note that if your hearing is postponed and rescheduled, you must provide the Prothonotary's office and Sheriff's office with a copy of the new notice of hearing if you want that new notice to be served by the Sheriff.*

**Plaintiff's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **I can be contacted by the following**  
**information:**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number: (home or cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Defendant's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description: Date of Birth (must have):** \_\_\_\_\_ **sex:** \_\_\_\_\_ **race:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous description: approximately** \_\_\_\_\_

**Height:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weight:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hair Color:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eye color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle description (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

*IMPORTANT: State a full and complete address, which includes: house number; apt. number; complete street name; city; state; zip code. If the Defendant is in a Correctional Facility, please provide the name of facility and address, along with a possible second (2<sup>nd</sup>) address in case the Defendant is released prior to the Sheriff attempting service.*

*The information provided is used to attempt service on the Defendant:*

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternative Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION**

\_\_\_\_\_ : A06-\_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_ :  
\_\_\_\_\_ :

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby state that I served a copy of the Notice of Hearing and Order, Petition and Temporary Order in the above-captioned action upon Defendant by handing papers to

\_\_\_\_\_ at the following address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
o'clock \_\_\_m.

I verify that the statements made in this Affidavit are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO SERVES THE DEFENDANT WITH THE NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER, PETITION AND TEMPORARY ORDER. IT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PROTHONOTARY OR BROUGHT TO THE COURT ON THE HEARING DATE.**

**TEMPORARY PROTECTION  
FROM ABUSE ORDER**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Amended Order**     **Continued Order**

**NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAINTIFF**

First	Middle	Last

Plaintiff's DOB

**Name(s) of all protected persons, including minor child/ren and DOB:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**V.**

**DEFENDANT**

First	Middle	Last

Suffix

**Defendant's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS**

<u>DOB</u>		<u>HEIGHT</u>	
<u>SEX</u>		<u>WEIGHT</u>	
<u>RACE</u>		<u>EYES</u>	
<u>HAIR</u>			
<u>SSN</u>			
<u>DRIVER'S LICENSE #</u>			
<u>EXP DATE</u>		<u>STATE</u>	

**CAUTION:**

- Weapon Involved**
- Weapon Present on the Property**
- Weapon Ordered Relinquished**

**The Court Hereby Finds:** That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and the Defendant will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard.

**The Court Hereby Orders:**

- Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk or threaten any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.
- Except for such contact with the minor child/ren as may be permitted under paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.
- Additional findings of this order are set forth below.

**Order Effective Date**

**Order Expiration Date**

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT**

Defendant is hereby notified that violation of this order may result in arrest for indirect criminal contempt, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail. 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6114. Consent of Plaintiff to Defendant's return to the residence shall not invalidate this order, which can only be changed or modified through the filing of appropriate court papers for that purpose. 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6108(g). If Defendant is required to relinquish any firearms, other weapons or ammunition or any firearm license, those items must be relinquished to the sheriff within 24 hours of the service of this order. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish any firearm, other weapon or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide an affidavit to the sheriff listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after the service of this order. Defendant is further notified that violation of this order may subject him/her to state charges and penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and to federal charges and penalties under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C §§2261-2262.

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, upon consideration of the attached Petition for Protection From Abuse, the court hereby enters the following temporary order:

( ) Plaintiff's request for a Temporary Protection Order is denied

( ) Plaintiff's request for a Temporary Protection Order is granted

( ) 1. Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk or threaten any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.

( ) 2. Defendant is evicted and excluded from the residence (NONCONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS FROM WHICH DEFENDANT IS EXCLUDED) \_\_\_\_\_ or any other permanent or temporary residence where Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order may live. Plaintiff is granted exclusive possession of the residence. Defendant shall have no right or privilege to enter or be present on the premises of Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order.

( ) 3. Except for such contact with the minor child/ren as may be permitted under Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant is prohibited from having ANY CONTACT with Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order, either directly or indirectly, at any location, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff's school, business or place of employment. Defendant is specifically ordered to stay away from the following locations for the duration of this order:

( ) 4. Except for such contact with the minor child/ren as may be permitted under Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.

( ) 5. CUSTODY.

( ) There is a current custody order as to the child/ren of the parties:

Bucks County Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) THIS ORDER SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER.

( ) THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR ORDER RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY.

( ) Until the final hearing, all contact between Defendant and the child/ren shall be limited to the following:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

( ) Pending the outcome of the final hearing in this matter, Plaintiff is awarded temporary custody of the following minor child/ren:

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The local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the child/ren are located shall ensure that the child/ren are placed in the care and control of the Plaintiff in accordance with the terms of this order.

( ) 6. FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS

Check all that apply:

[ ] Defendant is prohibited from possessing, transferring or acquiring any firearms for the duration of this order.

[ ] Defendant shall relinquish to the sheriff the following firearms licenses owned or possessed by Defendant:

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[ ] Defendant is directed to relinquish to the sheriff any firearm, other weapon or ammunition listed in Attachment A to Temporary Order, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Defendant may relinquish any firearms, other weapons or ammunition to the sheriff. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish firearms, other weapons and ammunition to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all the requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit.

Defendant must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or firearm license ordered to be relinquished no later than 24 hours after service of this order. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide to the sheriff an affidavit listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of this order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa. C.S.A §6105.

( ) 7. The following additional relief is granted:

( ) Defendant is prohibited from stalking, as defined in 18 Pa. C.S.A §2709.1, or harassing, as defined in 18 Pa. C.S.A §2709, the following family and household members of Plaintiff:

Name	Address (optional)	Relationship to Plaintiff

( ) Other relief:

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( ) 8. A certified copy of this order shall be provided to the sheriff or police department where Plaintiff resides and any other agency specified hereafter: *(insert name of agency)*

( ) 9. THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER OBTAINED BY THE SAME PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE SAME DEFENDANT.

( ) 10. THIS ORDER APPLIES IMMEDIATELY TO DEFENDANT AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL *(insert expiration date)* OR UNTIL OTHERWISE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY THIS COURT AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING.

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT**

Defendant is hereby notified that violation of this order may result in arrest for indirect criminal contempt, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail. 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6114. Consent of Plaintiff to Defendant's return to the residence shall not invalidate this order, which can only be changed or modified through the filing of appropriate court papers for that purpose. 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6108(g). If Defendant is required to relinquish any firearms, other weapons, ammunition or any firearm license, those items must be relinquished to the sheriff within 24 hours of the service of this order. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish any firearm, other weapon or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide an affidavit to the sheriff listing the firearms, other weapons or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of this order. Defendant is further notified that violation of this order may subject him/her to state charges and penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and to federal charges and penalties under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. §§2261-2262.

**NOTICE TO SHERIFF, POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:**

This order shall be enforced by the police department or sheriff who has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's residence OR any location where a violation of this order occurs OR where Defendant may be located. If Defendant violates Paragraphs 1 through 6 of this order, Defendant shall be arrested on the charge of indirect criminal contempt. An arrest for violation of this order may be made without warrant, based solely on probable cause whether or not the violation is committed in the presence of a police officer or sheriff.

Subsequent to an arrest, the law enforcement officer or sheriff shall seize all firearms, other weapons and ammunition in Defendant's possession which were used or threatened to be used during the violation of the protection order or during prior incidents of abuse and any other firearms in Defendant's possession. Any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or any firearm license must forthwith be delivered to the sheriff's office of the county which issued this order, which office shall maintain possession of the firearms, other weapons and ammunition until further order of this court, unless the weapon/s are evidence of a crime, in which case they shall remain with the law enforcement agency whose officer or sheriff made the arrest.

**BY THE COURT:**

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Judge

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Date

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION**

\_\_\_\_\_ : AO6-\_\_\_\_\_  
v. :  
\_\_\_\_\_ :

**ATTACHMENT A TO TEMPORARY ORDER  
FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INVENTORY**

It is hereby ordered that Defendant relinquish the following firearms, other weapons and ammunition to the sheriff:

<b>Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition</b>	<b>Location</b>
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( ) All firearms, other weapons and ammunition owned or possessed by the defendant.

BY THE COURT:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6108(a)(7)(v).

**FINAL PROTECTION FROM  
ABUSE ORDER**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Extended Order**     **Amended Order**

**NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAINTIFF**

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First                                      Middle                                      Last                                      Plaintiff's DOB

**Name(s) of all protected persons, including minor child/ren and DOB:**

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**V.**

**DEFENDANT**

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First                                      Middle                                      Last                                      Suffix

**Defendant's Address:**

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**DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS**

<b>DOB</b>		<b>HEIGHT</b>	
<b>SEX</b>		<b>WEIGHT</b>	
<b>RACE</b>		<b>EYES</b>	
<b>HAIR</b>			
<b>SSN</b>			
<b>DRIVER'S LICENSE #</b>			
<b>EXP DATE</b>		<b>STATE</b>	

**CAUTION:**

- Weapon Involved**
- Weapon Present on the Property**
- Weapon Ordered Relinquished**

**The Court Hereby Finds:** That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and the Defendant has been provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard.

**The Court Hereby Orders:**

- Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk or threaten any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.
- Except as provided in paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.
- Additional findings of this order are set forth below.

**Order Effective Date**

**Order Expiration Date**

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT**

Violation of this order may result in arrest for indirect criminal contempt, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail, 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6114. Violation may also subject you to prosecution and criminal penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. A violation of this order may result in the revocation of the safekeeping permit, which will require the immediate relinquishment of your firearms, other weapons and ammunition to the sheriff. Plaintiff's consent to contact by Defendant shall not invalidate this order which can only be modified by further order of court. 23 Pa.C.S.A. §6108(g).

This order is enforceable in all fifty (50) States, the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, U.S. Territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C §2265. If you travel outside the State and intentionally violate this order, you may be subject to federal criminal proceedings under that Act. 18 U.S.C §§2261-2262. If you possess a firearm or any ammunition while this order is in effect, you may be charged with a federal offense even if this Pennsylvania order does not expressly prohibit you from possessing firearms or ammunition. 18 U.S.C §922(q)(8).

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Plaintiff or Protected Person(s) is/are:

- spouse or former spouse of Defendant
- parent of a child with Defendant
- current or former sexual or intimate partner with Defendant
- child of Plaintiff
- child of Defendant
- family member related by blood (consanguinity) to Defendant
- family member related by marriage or affinity to Defendant
- sibling (person who shares parenthood) of Defendant

Defendant was served in accordance with Pa.R.C.P. 1930.4 and provided with notice of the time, date and location of the hearing scheduled in this matter.

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the court having jurisdiction over the parties and the subject-matter, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, as follows:

This order is entered (check one):

- by agreement
- by agreement without admission
- after a hearing and decision by the court
- after a hearing at which Defendant was not present, despite proper service being made
- by default.

Without regard as to how the order was entered, this is a final order of court subject to full enforcement pursuant to the Protection From Abuse Act.

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Plaintiff's request for a final protection order is denied.

OR

Plaintiff's request for a final protection order is granted.

1. Defendant shall not abuse, stalk, harass, threaten or attempt to use physical force that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury to Plaintiff or any other protected person in any place where they might be found.

2. Defendant is completely evicted and excluded from the residence at (NONCONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS FROM WHICH DEFENDANT IS EXCLUDED)

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or any other residence where Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order may live. Exclusive possession of the residence is granted to Plaintiff. Defendant shall have no right or privilege to enter or be present on the premises of Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order.

( ) on, Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant may enter the residence to retrieve his/her clothing and other personal effects, provided that Defendant is in the company of a law enforcement officer or sheriff when such retrieval is made and:  
Other Conditions:

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( ) 3. Except as provided in paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant is prohibited from having ANY CONTACT with Plaintiff, either directly or indirectly, or any other person protected under this order, at any location, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff's school, business, or place of employment. Defendant is specifically ordered to stay away from the following locations for the duration of this order:

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( ) 4. Except as provided in paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, either directly or indirectly, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone, or by any other means, including through third persons.

( ) 5. Temporary Custody of the minor children [NAMES OF THE CHILDREN SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF THIS PARAGRAPH] shall be as follows:

Check all that apply:

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( ) There is current custody order as to the children of the parties:

**Bucks County** Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) A custody petition is pending.

( ) A hearing is scheduled for (date, time and location) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

( ) THIS ORDER SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER

( ) THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR ORDER RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY

( ) 6. FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS

Check all that apply:

- Defendant is prohibited from possessing, transferring or acquiring any firearms for the duration of this order.
- Defendant shall relinquish to the sheriff the following firearms licenses owned or possessed by Defendant:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant is directed to relinquish to the sheriff any firearm, other weapon or ammunition listed in Attachment A to Final Order, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Defendant may relinquish any firearms, other weapons or ammunition to the sheriff. As an alternative, Defendant may either relinquish firearms, other weapons or ammunition to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all the requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit, or relinquish firearms, other weapons and ammunition to a licensed firearms dealer for consignment sale, lawful transfer or safekeeping pursuant to 18 Pa. C.S.A. §6108.2(e). Defendant must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or firearms license ordered to be relinquished no later than 24 hours after service of this order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition or firearm license ordered to be relinquished shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa. C.S.A. §6105.

7. Any firearm delivered to the sheriff or transferred to a licensed firearm dealer, or a qualified third party who satisfies the procedural and substantive requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit issued under 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6108.3 pursuant to this order or the temporary order shall not be returned to Defendant until further order of court or as otherwise provided by law.

8. The following additional relief is granted as authorized by §6108 of the Act:

Defendant is prohibited from stalking, as defined in 18 Pa. C.S. §2709.1, or harassing, as defined in 18 Pa. C.S. §2709, the following family and household members of Plaintiff:

Name	Address (optional)	Relationship to Plaintiff
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other relief:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Defendant is directed to pay temporary support for: (INSERT THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS FOR WHOM SUPPORT IS TO BE PAID)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

as follows: (INSERT AMOUNT, FREQUENCY AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUPPORT ORDER.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This order for support shall remain in effect until a final support order is entered by this court. However, this order shall lapse automatically if Plaintiff does not file a complaint for support with the Domestic Relations Section of the court within two weeks of the date of this order. The amount of this temporary order does not necessarily reflect Defendant's correct support obligation, which shall be determined in accordance with the guidelines at the support hearing. Any adjustments in the final amount of support shall be credited, retroactive to this date, to the appropriate party.

10.  (a) The costs of this action are imposed on Defendant.

(b) Because this order followed a contested proceeding, or a hearing at which Defendant was not present, despite being served with a copy of the petition, temporary order and notice of the date, time and place of the hearing, Defendant is ordered to pay an additional \$100 surcharge to the court, which shall be distributed in the manner set forth in 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6106 (d).

(c) Upon a showing of good cause or a finding that Defendant is unable to pay, the costs of this action are waived.

11. Defendant shall pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Plaintiff by (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_ as compensation for Plaintiff's out-of-pocket losses, which are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

An installment scheduled is ordered as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

Plaintiff is granted leave to present a petition, with appropriate notice to Defendant, to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas requesting recovery of out-of-pocket losses. The petition shall include an exhibit itemizing all claimed out-of-pocket losses, copies of all bills and estimates of repair, and an order scheduling a hearing. No fee shall be required by the Prothonotary's office for the filing of this petition.

12. THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER OBTAINED BY THE SAME PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE SAME DEFENDANT.

13. All provisions of this order shall expire:

Check one:

in \_\_\_\_\_ (INSERT DAYS, MONTHS OR YEARS)

on \_\_\_\_\_ (INSERT EXPIRATION DATE)

in three years, on (INSERT EXPIRATION DATE) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT**

VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN YOUR ARREST ON THE CHARGE OF INDIRECT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT WHICH IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$1000 AND/OR A JAIL SENTENCE OF UP TO SIX MONTHS. 23 PA. C.S.A. §6114. VIOLATION MAY ALSO SUBJECT YOU TO PROSECUTION AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA CRIME CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF THE SAFEKEEPING PERMIT, WHICH WILL REQUIRE THE IMMEDIATE RELINQUISHMENT OF YOUR FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO THE SHERIFF. PLAINTIFF'S CONSENT TO CONTACT BY DEFENDANT SHALL NOT INVALIDATE THIS ORDER WHICH CAN ONLY BE MODIFIED BY FURTHER ORDER OF COURT. 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6108 (g).

THIS ORDER IS ENFORCEABLE IN ALL FIFTY (50) STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TRIBAL LANDS, U.S. TERRITORIES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT, 18 U.S.C. §2265. IF YOU TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE STATE AND INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER THAT ACT. 18 U.S.C. §§2261--2262. IF YOU POSSESS A FIREARM OR ANY AMMUNITION WHILE THIS ORDER IS IN EFFECT, YOU MAY BE CHARGED WITH A FEDERAL OFFENSE EVEN IF THIS PENNSYLVANIA ORDER DOES NOT EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT YOU FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION. 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(8).

**NOTICE TO SHERIFF, POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICIALS**

The police and sheriff who have jurisdiction over Plaintiff's residence OR any location where a violation of this order occurs OR where Defendant may be located, shall enforce this order. The court shall have jurisdiction over any indirect criminal contempt proceeding, either in the county where the violation occurred or where this protective order was entered. An arrest for violation of paragraphs 1 through 7 of this order may be without warrant, based solely on probable cause, whether or not the violation is committed in the presence of the police or any sheriff. 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6113

Subsequent to an arrest, and without the necessity of a warrant, the police officer or sheriff shall seize all firearms, other weapons and ammunition in Defendant's possession that were used or threatened to be used during the violation of the protection order or during prior incidents of abuse and any other firearms in Defendant's possession. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall maintain possession of the firearms, other weapons or ammunition until further order of this court.

When Defendant is placed under arrest for violation of the order, Defendant shall be taken to the appropriate authority or authorities before whom Defendant is to be arraigned. A "Complaint for Indirect Criminal Contempt" shall then be completed and signed by the police officer, sheriff OR Plaintiff. Plaintiff's presence and signature are not required to file the complaint.

If sufficient grounds for violation of this order are alleged, Defendant shall be arraigned, bond set if appropriate, and both parties given notice of the date of hearing.

BY THE COURT:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If entered pursuant to the consent of Plaintiff and Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendant's signature)

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION**

\_\_\_\_\_ : AO6-\_\_\_\_\_  
v. \_\_\_\_\_ :  
\_\_\_\_\_ :

**ATTACHMENT A TO FINAL ORDER  
FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INVENTORY**

It is hereby ordered that Defendant relinquish the following firearms, other weapons and ammunition to the sheriff:

<b>Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	
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( ) All firearms, other weapons and ammunition owned or possessed by Defendant.

**BY THE COURT:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa. C.S.A. §6108(a)(7)(v)