

GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THOSE SEEKING A PROTECTION FROM STALKING ORDER

1. Before you can get a Protection from Stalking Order, stalking must have occurred. Stalking is an intentional harassment of another person that places the other person in reasonable fear for that person's safety. Harassment means a knowing and intentional course of conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, torments or terrorizes the person and that serves no legitimate purpose. Course of conduct means conduct consisting of two or more separate acts over a period of time, however short, that show a continuity of purpose which would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress.
2. You may seek a Protection from Stalking Order for yourself, for your minor child or for a minor child who lives with you.
3. You should be available to testify at future hearings as set by the judge. If you fail to appear, the case may be dismissed.
4. Legal help may be available through your private attorney or legal services.
5. A Final Protection from Stalking Order will expire after one year or on the date stated in the order, unless you request an extension or modification from the court.