

## FORM 10.01-C: INFORMATION ABOUT FILING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR DATING VIOLENCE CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER PETITION

- If you have any questions about completing the Petition for a Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order (Form 10.01-D) or the Dating Violence Civil Protection Order (Form 10.01-P), contact the local victim assistance program, domestic violence program, or Ohio Domestic Violence Network at 800-934-9840.
- Neither the Clerk of Court's Office nor the local domestic violence program can give legal advice. If you need legal advice, talk to a lawyer. Only a lawyer can give you legal advice.
- There is NO FEE for filing the Petition.
- Once completed, take the Petition and other necessary documents to the Clerk of Court's Office.
- If you want an emergency order, also known as an *Ex Parte* Protection Order, check "want" in paragraph 2 of the Petition.
- The Court will consider your request for an *Ex Parte* Protection Order and may ask you questions.
- Regardless if an *Ex Parte* Protection Order was requested, granted, or denied, a full hearing will be scheduled.
- You must attend the full hearing. Your victim advocate may also be present at the hearing.
- On the day of the full hearing, be prepared to (1) tell the Court what happened, (2) bring with you any witnesses, evidence, and documentation to prove your case, and (3) ask Respondent questions.
- Respondent may be represented by a lawyer. You may represent yourself or ask for a continuance to obtain a lawyer. [R.C. 3113.31(D)(2)(a)(iii)]
- Respondent or Respondent's lawyer may present evidence and ask you questions.
- The Court cannot issue a protection order against you unless Respondent has filed a Petition.

DEFINITIONS	
<b>Domestic Violence</b> [R.C. 3113.31]	"Domestic violence" means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts against a family or household member or a person with whom Petitioner has a dating relationship: attempting to cause or recklessly causing bodily injury; placing another person by the threat of force in fear of imminent serious physical harm or committing menacing by stalking or aggravated trespass; committing any act with respect to a child that would result in the child being an abused child, as defined [by law]; or committing a sexually oriented offense.
<b>Person with Whom Respondent Is or Was in a Dating Relationship</b> [R.C. 3113.31(A)(9)]	An adult who, at the time of the conduct in question, is in a dating relationship with Respondent who also is an adult or who, within the twelve months preceding the conduct in question, has had a dating relationship with Respondent who also is an adult.

<b>Dating Relationship</b> [R.C. 3113.31(A)(8)]	<p>A relationship between adults who have, or have had, a relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.</p> <p>"Dating relationship" does not include a casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization in a business or social context.</p>
<b>Family or Household Member</b> [R.C. 3113.31(A)(3)-(4)]	<p>"Family or household member" means either of the following:</p> <p>(1) Any of the following who is residing with or has resided with Respondent, such as a spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of Respondent; a parent, a foster parent, or a child of Respondent, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity (blood or marriage) to Respondent; a parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of Respondent, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity (blood or marriage) to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of Respondent.</p> <p>(2) The natural parent of any child of whom Respondent is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent.</p> <p>"Person living as a spouse" means a person who is living or has lived with Respondent in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with Respondent, or who otherwise has cohabited with Respondent within five years prior to the date of the alleged occurrence of the act in question.</p>

## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY, OHIO

Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ : Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge/Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Safe mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR DATING VIOLENCE CIVIL  
PROTECTION ORDER (R.C. 3113.31)**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

v. \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If home address unknown, put work  
address) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY. IF YOU ARE ASKING FOR YOUR ADDRESS TO BE KEPT  
CONFIDENTIAL, PLEASE PUT A MAILING ADDRESS WHERE YOU CAN SAFELY RECEIVE MAIL. IF YOU  
ARE A PARTICIPANT IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM,  
PLEASE USE THE P.O. BOX ADDRESS GIVEN TO YOU. THIS FORM IS A PUBLIC RECORD.**

☐ I need or a witness needs a foreign language interpreter in \_\_\_\_\_  
or an American Sign Language interpreter per Sup.R. 88.

1. I ☐ **want** ☐ **do not want** an **ex parte (emergency) protection order** per R.C. 3113.31. Petitioner further requests a full hearing trial be scheduled, even if the *ex parte* protection order is granted, denied, or not requested.
2. I am filing the Petition because I am in fear of continuing danger. I was 18 years old or older when the violence took place, and I am or was in a dating relationship with Respondent within one year before the violence took place.

- ☐ 3. I have listed below all family or household members who need protection other than me (**Leave blank if you are not seeking protection for other family or household members.**)

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO PETITIONER

4. Respondent committed an act of violence against me.
5. Respondent was 18 years old or older when the violence took place.
6. I have or had a romantic or intimate relationship with the Respondent.
7. My relationship with Respondent was **neither** a casual acquaintanceship **nor** an ordinary business or social relationship.
8. You **must** describe the relationship with Respondent. You may include: (If you need more space, attach an additional page.)
  - Whether you developed a special bond beyond a casual acquaintanceship or an ordinary business or social relationship
  - Length of the relationship with Respondent
  - Nature and frequency of contact with Respondent, including whether you had an intimate relationship with Respondent and communications that would show the relationship with Respondent was more than a casual acquaintanceship or an ordinary business or social relationship
  - Expectations about the relationship with Respondent
  - Statements or conduct by Respondent or you that could show to the Court the depth of or commitment to the relationship
  - Any other reason or explanation to prove the dating relationship

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9. You **must** describe Respondent's threats or actions that made you afraid. When did it happen (if you do not know exact dates, give approximate dates)? Explain why you believe you are in danger. **If you need more space, attach an additional page.**

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10. You may want to describe, **if you want and know**, about any of the following. Not describing these items in the Petition does not mean dating violence did not happen. **If you need more space, attach an additional page.**

- Respondent's history of domestic violence or other violent acts
- Respondent's history of violating court orders
- Respondent's mental health
- Respondent's threats to other persons
- Respondent's access to deadly weapons, firearms, and ammunition or use of deadly weapons and acts or threats of violence with deadly weapon
- Respondent's abuse alcohol or controlled substances (drugs)
- Respondent's violence resulted in serious physical injury, forced sex, strangulation (or choking), abuse during pregnancy, abuse of the family's pet, and/or forced entry to gain access to Petitioner or Petitioner's family and household members
- Recent separation from Respondent or relationship was recently terminated
- Respondent's obsessive and controlling behaviors, including stalking, spying, following, and/or isolating you (Petitioner)
- Respondent's threats to kill self or others

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11. Petitioner further requests that the Court grant relief under R.C. 3113.31 to protect Petitioner and/or the family or household members named in this Petition from domestic violence by granting a civil protection order that: (Check all boxes that apply.)

- ☐ a. Directs Respondent to not abuse Petitioner and the family or household members named in this Petition by harming, attempting to harm, threatening, following, stalking, harassing, forcing sexual relations upon them, or by committing sexually oriented offenses against them.
- ☐ b. Directs Respondent to not enter, approach, or contact by any means the residence, school, business, and place of employment of Petitioner and the family or household members named in this Petition.
- ☐ c. Directs Respondent to not approach or have contact by any means with Petitioner and the family or household members named in this Petition.
- ☐ d. Directs Respondent to not remove, damage, hide, harm, or dispose of any companion animals or pets owned or possessed by Petitioner.
- ☐ e. Grants Petitioner permission to take Petitioner's pets or companion animals, as described below, away from the possession of Respondent:

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- ☐ f. Directs Respondent to complete counseling, substance abuse counseling, or other treatment or intervention as determined necessary by the Court.

- ☐g. Directs the wireless service provider to separate Petitioner's account from Respondent's account, per R.C. 3113.45 to 3113.459. Petitioner will assume all financial responsibility for any costs associated with the wireless service number and any costs for the device associated with the wireless service number. The Respondent's billing telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

Petitioner's contact information is on page 1 of this Petition. The wireless service numbers to be transferred to Petitioner which are used by Petitioner or the minor children in the care of Petitioner is:

- ☐h. Includes the following additional provisions:

12. Petitioner further requests that the Court issue no mutual protection orders or other orders against Petitioner unless all of the conditions of R.C. 3113.31(E)(4) are met.
13. Petitioner further requests that if Petitioner has a victim advocate, the Court permit the victim advocate to accompany Petitioner at all stages of these proceedings as required by R.C. 3113.31(M).
14. Petitioner further requests at the ex parte hearing or full hearing that the Court grant such other relief as the Court considers equitable and fair, including orders or directives to law enforcement.
15. Petitioner has listed court cases (including children service/CPS case, animal cruelty, sexually oriented offense, no contact order, and protection order) and other legal matters regarding Respondent which may relate to this case: (If you need more space, attach an additional page.)

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER	COURT/COUNTY	TYPE OF CASE	RESULT OF CASE

I swear or affirm that the answers above are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making false statements in this document may result in a contempt of court finding against me, which could result in a jail sentence and fine, and may also subject me to criminal penalties for perjury under R.C. 2921.11.

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

DATE

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PLEASE LEAVE THE INFORMATION BELOW BLANK.

Signature of Attorney

Attorney's Registration Number

Name of Attorney

Attorney's Telephone

Attorney's Address

Attorney's Fax

City, State, Zip Code

Attorney's Email

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REQUEST FOR SERVICE

TO THE CLERK OF COURT:

Pursuant to Civ.R. 65.1(C)(2), please serve Respondent a copy of the Petition, ex parte protection order, if granted, and any other accompanying documents to the address below and as follows:

☐ Personal service

☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

☐ Other (specify)

☐ Other (address):

☐ Personal Service

☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

☐ Other (specify)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SHERIFF:

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER

RETURN OF SERVICE

Respondent was served on

Officer and Badge Number

Law Enforcement Agency

Date

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Service of Process was sent by this day of

Attest:

Deputy Clerk