

## **RESTRAINING ORDER - WEBSITE DIRECTIONS** (Attach to Harassment packet – *gray color*)

Parties filing a Restraining Order and having difficulty in determining what type of Restraining Order to file, are highly encouraged to work with an advocate from Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. They can be contacted by emergency walk-in, calling or emailing. Contact information: 240 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh WI 54901; info@christineann.net; or 920-235-5998. Their crisis line is available 24/7 at 800-261-5998 or 920-235-5998 with an advocate there to support you. Website: <http://www.christineann.net/>

The following are directions to get to the Restraining Order self-representation section of the Wicourts.gov website.  
[www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov)

Select “Services”

Select and click on “For the public”

Click on “Self-help law center”

Click on “Restraining orders”

Review the overview of restraining order information on this page

When finished, if you wish to proceed, click on “Start Forms”

To navigate to the next screen, click on “Next” at the bottom of the screen.

If you choose to review a complete listing of Restraining Order Forms on your own without answering the online interview questions:

[www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov)

Select “Forms”; “Circuit court”

Select “Civil”

Under “Categories” select the type of restraining order forms you wish to review

### **If you wish to electronically file your prepared documents:**

For an overview of the eFiling system, go to: <https://www.wicourts.gov/ecourts/efilecircuit/index.jsp>

To register for an account and to eFile, go to: <https://logon.wicourts.gov/index.html?target=efiling>

If you are **not** filing your action electronically, after preparing your original paperwork, bring it to the Clerk of Courts office, 415 Jackson Street Room 110, Oshkosh WI (no additional copies are required). Be prepared to make payment of \$164.50 by cash, check or money order payable to “Clerk of Courts”. Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express are accepted, with a 3% convenience fee automatically added. There may be a wait in line before working with a clerk. Once you are with a clerk, the process can take a number of hours to finish, depending on the court official’s availability. It is best to arrive with your completed paperwork no later than 2:00 p.m. If you have questions before filing, please call 920-236-4858, press 0.

**Other resources** are available through [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov) home page:

Select “Services”

Select and click on “For the public”

From here, you can click on specific topics you may be interested in

Otherwise, click on “Self-help law center”

You will be able to select specific topics here as well, including a link to the Wisconsin State Law Library website

### **Here are resources for any additional legal questions you may have:**

1. Frequently asked questions about restraining orders shown in a chart format based on each kind of restraining order: [https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/restraining\\_order\\_grid\\_09\\_2018.pdf](https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/restraining_order_grid_09_2018.pdf)
2. Visit the Wisconsin State Law Library website at: [www.wilawlibrary.gov](http://www.wilawlibrary.gov) and review the “Legal Topics A-Z” area.
3. The Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic is held at area public libraries on the first Tuesday of the month in Menasha, the second Tuesday in Neenah & the third Tuesday Oshkosh, from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Please ask the Clerk of Courts Office for a brochure of the complete schedule and locations.