

RESTRAINING ORDER - WEBSITE DIRECTIONS (Attach to Domestic packet – *orchid color*)

Parties filing a Domestic Abuse Restraining Order 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: 206 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. Their website is: <http://www.christineann.net/>

The following are directions to get to the Restraining Order self representation section of the wicourts website. 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 “Go to forms assistant”

Read through this introduction page carefully

Once you are comfortable with the introduction page, you can navigate to the next series of screens by clicking 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

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, Oshkosh WI –Room 110 (no additional copies are required). There may be a wait in line before working with a clerk. Once you are with a clerk, the process can take up to two hours to process. 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) 236-1131.

Other resources are available through 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
2. On-line, at the Wisconsin State Law Library website at: www.wilawlibrary.gov and reviewing their “Legal Topics A-Z” area.
3. The free Legal Assistance Clinic at the Public Library on the first Tuesday of the month in Menasha, the second Tuesday in Neenah & the third Tuesday of the month in Oshkosh from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Please ask the Clerk of Courts Office for a brochure of the complete listing of schedule and locations.