

**IN THE BILLINGS MUNICIPAL COURT, STATE OF MONTANA  
COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
) Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SWORN PETITION FOR  
TEMPORARY  
ORDER OF PROTECTION  
AND REQUEST FOR HEARING**  
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The law requires that Respondent be given a copy of this completed form and all attachments.

1. **Request for Temporary Order of Protection.** Under oath and as provided by Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-201, I request that the Court issue a Temporary Order of Protection against Respondent. I believe I am in danger of harm if the court does not issue a Temporary Order of Protection immediately.
2. **Protected Person/s.** I am seeking an Order of Protection for (*check all that apply*):  
 Myself  
 The following minor child/ren: **USE INITIALS ONLY**

Child/ren	Age	How child is related to:		Who does child live with?
		You	Respondent	

3. **Residence.** I live or am staying in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Respondent lives in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.  
The abuse happened in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Check all that apply).

- The Respondent does not live with me.
- I live with the Respondent at \_\_\_\_\_
- I have left a residence where I lived with the Respondent. I want to return:
  - to live at that residence
  - to get personal belongings
  - other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- A business is run from the home.

Type of business (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
The business is run by:  me  Respondent  both me and Respondent

4. **Relationship.** (Please check all that apply to the relationship between the Respondent (the person you want restrained) and you or the person(s) for whom you are seeking protection)

I (or the person I want protected) have/has a relationship with Respondent as follows:

- We are married
- We were married, but are now separated
- We are divorced
- We are currently dating or having an ongoing intimate relationship
- We live together
- We have lived together in the past
- We have a child and/or children together
- I am a family member or a former family member of Respondent. Respondent is my:
  - Mother  Father  Sister  Brother  Son  Daughter
  - Aunt  Uncle  Cousin  Niece  Nephew
  - Sister-in-Law  Brother-in-Law  Father-in-Law  Mother-in-Law
  - Other: Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- We dated or had an ongoing intimate relationship in the past
- We have no relationship

If no relationship, please explain how you know the Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

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If a dating relationship, please describe:

Nature of relationship\_\_\_\_\_

Length of time of the dating relationship \_\_\_\_\_

How often saw each other \_\_\_\_\_

Time since relationship ended\_\_\_\_\_

Victim of Sexual Assault/ Stalking/ Other: *(describe how you know Respondent)*

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I am the parent, guardian or other person supervising the welfare of a child less than 16 years of age and request that Respondent, who is a person over 18 years of age and who has no legal right of supervision or control over the child, to stop contacting the child because I believe that the contact is not in the child's best interests as set forth in MCA § 45-5-622 (4).

**5. Information about the violence.** Please explain what the Respondent did to you (and/or the person you want protected). Be specific. Write down places and dates as well as you can remember. It does not matter when the abuse happened or whether you reported it to the police. But you must tell the judge why you are afraid now.

**(USE INITIALS ONLY FOR MINORS)**

**A. RECENT ABUSE**

Date of the most recent abuse: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was there? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did it take place? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did the Respondent do or say that made you (and/or the person you want protected) afraid? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did the Respondent use or threaten to use a gun or other weapon?

Yes  No. If yes, list how: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(USE INITIALS ONLY FOR MINORS)**

Describe, in detail, what happened and any injuries. Explain why you (and/or the person you want protected) are afraid now: \_\_\_\_\_

Did the police come?  Yes  No If yes, what is the police incident number?

## B. PAST ABUSE

In this section, describe any past abuse and explain what happened in those situations. Be sure to explain when the abuse occurred, where it happened, and who was there.

**(USE INITIALS ONLY FOR MINORS)**

Check here if you need more space to write. Attach a sheet of 8 1/2 x 11 paper and write: "Explanation of What Happened" at the top. Do **NOT** use the back of this form.

**6. Firearms (Check all that apply)**

To the best of your knowledge, does Respondent currently possess firearms?

No    Yes

If yes, where are the firearms located? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Other Court Cases involving yourself and the Respondent. (Check all that apply).**

No other court cases exist between me and the Respondent.

A divorce, legal separation or custody case (parenting plan) between me (and/or the person I want protected) and Respondent has been filed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_

Is the family law case listed above still pending?  Yes    No

Did the Court issue a parenting plan?  Yes    No

A criminal charge of \_\_\_\_\_ was  filed against me or  filed against the Respondent in \_\_\_\_\_ Court in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_

List any other cases between you (and/or the person you want protected) or Respondent are or have been involved in: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I ask the Court to Order the Following: (USE INITIALS ONLY FOR MINORS)**

1.  Respondent shall not commit or threaten to commit acts of violence, against me (and/or the person I want protected) and the following people including family members:

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

2.  Respondent shall not assault, threaten, abuse, follow, stalk harass, annoy, disturb the peace of, telephone, email, contact, or otherwise communicate, directly or indirectly, with me (or the person I want protected), and the following family members, other victims of the abuse, or witnesses to the abuse:

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

3.  Respondent shall not take the following child/ren out of this County or State:

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

4.  (List the distance, up to 1500 feet, that you want Respondent to stay away from you and/or the person you want protected and the places you check below). Please include names and physical addresses for all places listed below (daycare providers, schools, and business name of your place of employment).

Respondent shall stay at least \_\_\_\_\_ feet from:

Me (Petitioner) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minor child/ren (USE INITIALS ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

My home (if you want the location of your home to be secret, do not list) \_\_\_\_\_  
 My job or workplace: \_\_\_\_\_  
 My vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_  
 The child/ren's school and/or child care: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other places (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

5.  Respondent used or threatened me with firearms. Respondent shall not possess these firearms (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

6.  Respondent shall not take, hide, sell, damage or dispose of property belonging to me (and/or the person who I want protected) or Respondent or both of us.

7.  Respondent shall give me (or the person I want protected) possession or use of the following items (items may include the residence, automobile and other essential personal property no matter who owns it): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8.  I (and/or the person I want protected) need a peace officer to help get possession of the property listed in Number 7, or I request that a peace officer come with Respondent when picking up his/her property or belongings.

9.  The Court should order Respondent to complete violence counseling, which may include alcohol or chemical dependency counseling or treatment, if appropriate.

10.  The Court should order the following to provide for the safety and welfare of me and/or the person I want protected, and family: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Parenting of Child/ren

**Note:** Justice and City and Municipal Courts can protect minor children by listing them on the Order of Protection. Although these courts can provide short term visitation plans, they cannot make parenting plans. If you need a parenting plan, you need to file an action in your local District or Tribal Court.

*(Choose one)*

- Parenting of children does not apply in this case.
- The protections I have asked for in Paragraph 2 will keep Respondent away from the children. Therefore a visitation schedule is unnecessary.
- I want the children listed in Appendix A to have parenting time with Respondent. I am attaching Appendix A that says what visitation schedule I want. (*Fill in and attach Appendix A*).

12. Other Relief: The Court should order other protection as it deems just and proper.

**I SWEAR UNDER OATH OR AFFIRM I HAVE READ THIS APPLICATION, OR HAVE HAD IT READ TO ME, AND THE FACTS STATED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION IS A CRIME.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

## JUDGE'S SIGNATURE

STATE OF MONTANA )  
: ss.  
County of Yellowstone)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

## Municipal Court Judge

The petition for an order of Protection is Denied on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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## Municipal Court Judge

## APPENDIX A

In this form, you will tell the Judge how the temporary visitation will take place under safe and peaceful conditions. You must have a very good reason before the Judge will deny the Respondent visitation. The visitation schedule will be temporary. For permanent parenting arrangements, you must file an action with your local District or Tribal Court.

Parenting schedules generally include:

- visits that take place on a regular basis;
- visits that vary in length depending on the ages and needs of the children.

Children (*List all children, whether or not you have asked that they be protected by the Order of Protection*):

Children	Date of Birth	How child is related to You      Respondent		Who does child live with?	State(s) where child lived in the last 6 months?

CHECK the visitation option that you want.

I request the following visitation schedule:

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Supervised visits (*List why, and supervised by whom*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Neutral drop off and pick up location: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation provided by: \_\_\_\_\_

I request the Respondent have no visitation with the children because: \_\_\_\_\_

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