

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE FAMILY COURT

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Petitioner)

vs.)

Respondent.)

PETITION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION
(For Use in Family Court)

Respondent's SSN: _____
DOB _____ Race _____ Sex _____

I ask this court to issue an Order of Protection, because:

1. This is the county where this case should be handled, since (check one):
☐ a. The alleged act of abuse occurred in this county; or,
☐ b. The person who caused the abuse lives in this county; or
☐ c. The person who caused the abuse and I last lived together in this county.
2. The person who caused the abuse lives at _____ (street address) in or near the town or city of _____, which is in _____ County, and the State of _____.
3. The person who was abused was (check one or both, and supply information):
☐ a. _____, who is the person asking for an Order of Protection; or,
☐ b. _____, who is a child under 18 years old who lives with me.
4. That the abuser and the victim (check one or more):
☐ are husband and wife ☐ were formerly husband and wife
☐ have a child/children in common, who is/are: _____
☐ are living together ☐ were formerly living together
☐ are household or family members pursuant to S.C. Code Section 20-4-20(a)(2)
5. The abuse happened at (address/location) _____ on _____,
2_____, at _____ o'clock, _____ when _____ (Name of person causing abuse) did this:
_____.
6. Have there been prior convictions of domestic violence or prior orders of protection? Yes ☐ No ☐. If yes, please state date
_____.
7. I ask this court to grant the following temporary relief (check as many as apply and supply information)
☐ a. issue an order of protection which prohibits and forbids _____ from abusing,
threatening to abuse, or molesting, or engaging in any other conduct that would place Petitioner in reasonable fear
of bodily injury.
☐ b. issue an order of protection which restrains and prohibits _____ from using,
attempting to use, or threatening to use physical force against Petitioner that would reasonably be expected to cause
bodily injury.
☐ c. issue an order of protection which restrains, prohibits, and forbids _____
from communicating or attempting to communicate with Petitioner in any way, and from entering or attempting to
enter the home of the victim, place of employment, education, or other location as the Court may order.
☐ d. issue an order granting _____ temporary custody of the following minor
child(ren).

Name

Date of Birth

Address

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

☐ grant reasonable visitation or ☐ deny visitation.

- ☐ e. issue an order granting Petitioner temporary child support
(Financial Declaration [Form SCCA/430] MUST be completed and attached).
- ☐ f. issue an order granting Petitioner temporary financial support
(Financial Declaration [Form SCCA/430] MUST be completed and attached).
- ☐ g. issue an order granting Petitioner temporary exclusive use and possession of the home and furnishings.
- ☐ h. issue an order which forbids _____ from transferring, selling destroying, encumbering, or otherwise disposing of real or personal property belonging to Petitioner or jointly owned.
- ☐ i. issue an order which gives Petitioner assistance from law enforcement in that Petitioner will be accompanied:
☐ (1) in removing Personal property from _____ (Street Address)
 in _____ (City) _____ (County), South Carolina.
☐ (2) in placing Petitioner in possession of the home and furnishings at _____
 (Street Address) in _____ (City) _____ (County), South Carolina.
- ☐ j. issue an order reimbursing Petitioner for costs and attorney's fees.
- ☐ k. hold a hearing within 15 days of the date of filing these papers.
- ☐ l. hold an emergency hearing within 24 hours.
- ☐ m. issue an order granting Petitioner the following additional requests: _____
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Sworn to and Subscribed before me
 this _____ day of _____, 20____

 Notary Public for South Carolina
 My Commission expires _____

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 Signature of Petitioner or
 Person on Behalf of Petitioner under 18 years old

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EMPLOY COUNSEL TO REPRESENT YOU.