

### Who can make a request?

The protected person or the restrained person can ask the judge to change or end the restraining order. Other people protected by the restraining order (listed on form DV-130, item 3, or JV-255, item 3) cannot ask to change or end the order.

### How do I ask to change or end a domestic violence restraining order?

You will need to complete court papers and file them with the court. After you file your court papers, you will get a court date and have the other party served. You must attend your court date for the judge to decide whether to grant your request. See page 3 for step-by-step instructions.

### What if I want to renew my restraining order?

If you are the protected person, you can ask the court to renew your restraining order. You must make your request before your restraining order expires. For information on how to renew your restraining order, read form [DV-700-INFO, How Do I Ask the Court to Renew My Restraining Order?](#)

### What if my restraining order has expired?

If the Restraining Order After Hearing (form DV-130, DV-730, or JV-255) has expired, do not follow the steps on page 3.

- If you need another restraining order, you will need to make a new request. Read form [DV-505-INFO, How to Ask for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order](#).
- If the restraining order included child custody, visitation (parenting time), child support, spousal support, support for a domestic partner, or property orders, these orders remain in effect and can be changed by a judge. For information on how to ask to change these orders, read form [FL-300-INFO, Information Sheet for Request for Order](#).

### Is there a court fee?

No. There is no court fee.

### How do I end or change a temporary restraining order?

If you have a temporary restraining order (form DV-110 or DV-116) and you want to change or end the order, a lawyer or the court's self-help center may be able to help you. Do not use this process to change or end a temporary restraining order.

### What if I want to change or end a juvenile restraining order?

If you have a restraining order based on domestic violence that was granted by a juvenile dependency court (form JV-255), and the juvenile case has been closed (dismissed), follow the steps on page 3 to ask to change or end the juvenile restraining order.

- If your juvenile case is still open, talk to your lawyer about how to change or end the restraining order.
- If you have a juvenile restraining order that was granted in a juvenile justice (delinquency) case (form JV-265), ask your lawyer or the prosecutor about how to change or end the restraining order.

### What if I want the judge to grant an order that was not included in the Restraining Order After Hearing?

The judge may be able to grant the order if it is needed for more protection. Follow the steps on page 3 to make the request. You will need to describe the orders you want and explain why they are needed.

### When will my restraining order change or end?

Only the court has the power to change or end the restraining order. The restraining order remains in effect and must be followed until a judge changes or ends the order.



### What orders can I ask to change or end?

You can ask to change or end any order granted in a Restraining Order After Hearing, except for orders related to firearms, ammunition, or body armor. The judge cannot remove the restriction on having firearms, ammunition, or body armor. If you need to carry a firearm for your job, the judge may grant you a limited exception but there are strict requirements. Ask a lawyer or your court self-help center for more information.

### What if I want to change child custody orders?

- If child custody orders were made through your restraining order, you can use this process to change these orders. Follow the steps on page 3.
- If custody or visitation orders were made in a separate family law case, do not follow the steps on page 3 of this form; read form [FL-300-INFO](#), *Information Sheet for Request for Order*.

Note that a special law applies to child custody orders when there has been domestic violence. For more information, go to [www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/domestic-violence-child-custody](http://www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/domestic-violence-child-custody).

### If I ask to end the restraining order, what will happen to the child custody, visitation, support, or property orders?

If a judge ends the restraining order, any child custody, visitation (parenting time), child support, spousal support, support for a domestic partner, or property orders will remain in effect, unless the court also changes or ends those orders.

### Where can I find a self-help center?

Free legal help is available at your court's self-help center. Find your local court's self-help center at [www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/find](http://www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/find). Self-help center staff will not act as your lawyer but may be able to give you information to help you decide what to do in your case and help you with the forms. Staff may also refer you to other agencies who may be able to help you.

### What if I need an interpreter?

 You may use form [INT-300](#) to request an interpreter or ask the clerk how you can request one.

### What if I have a disability and need an accommodation?

You may use form [MC-410](#) to request assistance. Contact the disability/ADA coordinator at your local court for more information.

### Where can I find other help?

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides free and private safety tips. Help is available every day, 24 hours a day, and in over 100 languages. Visit online at [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) or call 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

### Confidential Address Program

If you are a victim of domestic violence or live with a victim of domestic violence, there is a special program called Safe at Home that you can apply for. It is a free program that can help you keep your address private. To learn more about the program, go to [www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home](http://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home).

Note that it may take several weeks to be approved.

## Steps to make a request

### ① Complete court forms:

- Form [DV-300 Request to Change or End Restraining Order](#); and
- Form [DV-310, Notice of Court Hearing and Temporary Order to Change or End Restraining Order](#) (items 1 and 2 only).
- If you are asking to change child custody and visitation orders, you must complete form [DV-305 Request to Change Child Custody and Visitation Orders](#).

### ② File forms with court

File all forms with the court clerk. Make sure you include a copy of your current Restraining Order After Hearing with form DV-300. You can file in person or electronically. For more information on how or where to file, go to the court's website. To find the the court's website, go to [www.selfhelpcourts.ca.gov/find](http://www.selfhelpcourts.ca.gov/find).

### ③ Get your papers back from the court

Once you get your papers back from the court, you will have a court date (see form DV-310). If you asked for any temporary orders, look at form DV-310 to see if the judge granted or denied that request. Make sure you get at least two copies back: one for you and one to have served on the other party. If you filed your papers electronically, the court will give the papers back to you electronically, unless you asked to pick them up or receive them by mail.

### ④ Have the other party served with papers

- **If you are the restrained person**, you must have the protected person personally served. This means you must have an adult personally give a copy of all the court papers (listed on form DV-310, item 4c) to the protected person. It cannot be you or anyone listed on the restraining order. Your server must then complete a proof of service form [DV-200](#). Make a copy of the completed form DV-200 and file it with the court. If you cannot have the protected person personally served, contact a lawyer or self-help center for other options.
- **If you are the protected person**, you can serve the restrained person by mail. This means you must have an adult mail a copy of all the court papers (listed on form DV-310, item 4c) to the restrained party. It cannot be you or anyone listed on the restraining order. Your server must then complete a proof of service (form [DV-250](#)). Make a copy of the completed form DV-250 and file it with the court.

If you can't serve the other side before your court hearing, you will need to ask the judge to reschedule your court hearing. Fill out and file forms [DV-315](#) and [DV-316](#). The judge will review your request and decide whether to reschedule your court hearing. If you do not receive a signed copy of form DV-316 from the judge before your court date or the judge denied your request to reschedule your hearing, you *must* attend your court date (listed on form DV-310 or DV-316) if you still want to move forward with your request.

### ⑤ Get ready for and attend your court hearing

At your court hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant your request to change or end the restraining order. At the hearing, you and the other side will have the opportunity to tell your side of the story. Bring any evidence or witnesses you have. If you don't want to attend your court hearing in person, go to the court's website to find out more information about attending by phone or videoconference.