

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING
FOR A
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER
IN WYOMING

Petitioning the court for a Domestic Violence Protection Order does not guarantee your safety or that the alleged abuser or Respondent will comply with the terms if such an order is granted. Domestic Violence Orders should not be sought unless an act of domestic abuse as defined by the law exists.

"Domestic abuse" means the occurrence of one (1) or more of the following acts by a household member but does not include acts of self defense: (A) Physically abusing, threatening to physically abuse, attempting to cause or causing physical harm or acts which unreasonably restrain the personal liberty of any household member; (B) Placing a household member in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm; or (C) Causing a household member to engage involuntarily in sexual activity by force, threat of force or duress. See the definition section for a qualifying household member.

For help in developing a safety plan or about protection orders and how to get one, contact your local domestic violence program (see Crisis Intervention in the Yellow Pages) or call the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at (800) 990-3877 or Wyoming Division of Victim's Services at (888)996-8816 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE (7233) or (512) 453-8117 (multi-lingual advocates are available); TTY: (800) 787-3224.

Definitions for Order of Protection
Domestic Violence Protection Act
Wyo. Stat. § 35-21-102

- (i) "Adult" means a person who is sixteen (16) years of age or older, or legally married;

- (iv) "Household member" includes:
- (A) Persons married to each other;
 - (B) Persons living with each other as married;
 - (C) Persons formerly married to each other;
 - (D) Persons formerly living with each other as if married;
 - (E) Parents and their adult children;
 - (F) Other adults sharing common living quarters;
 - (G) Persons who are the parents of a child but who are not living with each other;
and
 - (H) Persons who are in, or have been in, a dating relationship.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PETITION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION

Numbers to these instructions correspond to the same numbers on the Petition For Order Of Protection Form. **READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

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If you are filing this petition requesting the protection order, you are the **Petitioner**. **Respondent** is the person against whom an order is sought and the person alleged as the abuser.

YOU MUST BE AS THOROUGH, COMPLETE, AND DETAILED AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN, BECAUSE THE COURT MAY DENY YOUR REQUEST IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.