

# Supreme Court of Florida

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No. SC2024-0802

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**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT  
APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS—12.980(a), 12.980(f),  
12.980(g), 12.980(i), 12.980(j), 12.980(n), 12.980(q), 12.980(t),  
and 12.980(w).**

June 20, 2024

PER CURIAM.

Pursuant to the procedures approved in *Amendments to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure & Family Law Forms*, 810 So. 2d 1, 13-14 (Fla. 2000), this Court has reviewed the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms and has determined that amendments to forms 12.980(a) (Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence), 12.980(f) (Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence), 12.980(g) (Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, or Sexual Violence, or Stalking), 12.980(i) (Motion for Extension of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, or Sexual Violence, or

Stalking), 12.980(j) (Motion for Modification of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, or Sexual Violence, or Stalking), 12.980(n) (Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence), 12.980(q) (Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence), 12.980(t) (Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Stalking), and 12.980(w) (Petition by Affidavit for Order to Show Cause for a Violation of Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, or Sexual Violence, or Stalking) are needed.<sup>1</sup> Input was received from the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms, which conducted an expedited review of the forms due to recent changes in Florida law.

We amend the forms' verification requirements by removing language requiring a notary in accordance with amendments to sections 741.30, 784.046, and 784.0485, Florida Statutes (2023). See ch. 2024-152, Laws of Fla. Other changes are also made to improve clarity and promote consistency across the forms.

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1. We have jurisdiction. See art. V, § 2(a), Fla. Const.

The amended forms are hereby adopted as set forth in the appendix to this opinion, fully engrossed. The amended forms shall become effective on July 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. and may be accessed and downloaded from the Florida State Courts' website at <https://www.flcourts.gov/Resources-Services/Office-of-Family-Courts/Family-Court-in-Florida/Family-Law-Forms>. We direct that the forms be published for comment. Interested persons shall have seventy-five days from the date of this opinion to file comments with the Court.<sup>2</sup>

It is so ordered.

MUÑIZ, C.J., and CANADY, LABARGA, COURIEL, GROSSHANS, FRANCIS, and SASSO, JJ., concur.

THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR REHEARING SHALL NOT ALTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS.

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2. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before September 3, 2024, as well as a separate request for oral argument if the person filing the comment wishes to participate in oral argument, which may be scheduled in this case. If filed by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar, the comment must be electronically filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal (Portal). If filed by a nonlawyer or a lawyer not licensed to practice in Florida, the comment may be, but is not required to be, filed via the Portal. Any person unable to submit a comment electronically must mail or hand-deliver the originally signed comment to the Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927; no additional copies are required or will be accepted.

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## Appendix

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.980(a) PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (06/24)

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** are defined in that section. The clerk of the circuit court or family law intake staff can help you complete any necessary domestic violence forms and can give you information about local domestic violence victim assistance programs, shelters, and other related services. You may also call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119. For further information, see Chapter 741, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.610, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

#### When should this form be used?

If you are a victim of any act of domestic violence or have reasonable cause to believe that you are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting domestic violence. Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. **Domestic violence includes:** assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any other criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death to petitioner by any of petitioner's family or household members. In determining whether you have reasonable cause to believe you are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence, the court must consider all relevant factors alleged in the petition, including, but not limited to the following:

1. The history between the petitioner and the respondent, including threats, harassment, stalking, and physical abuse.
2. Whether the respondent has attempted to harm the petitioner or family members or individuals closely associated with the petitioner.
3. Whether the respondent has threatened to conceal, kidnap, or harm the petitioner's child or children.
4. Whether the respondent has intentionally injured or killed a family pet.
5. Whether the respondent has used, or has threatened to use, against the petitioner any weapons such as guns or knives.
6. Whether the respondent has physically restrained the petitioner from leaving the home or calling law enforcement.
7. Whether the respondent has a criminal history involving violence or the threat of violence.
8. The existence of a verifiable order of protection issued previously or from another jurisdiction.
9. Whether the respondent has destroyed personal property, including, but not limited to, telephones or other communications equipment, clothing, or other items belonging to the petitioner.
10. Whether the respondent has or had engaged in a pattern of abusive, threatening, intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, which evidences a continuity of purpose and which reasonably causes the petitioner to believe that the petitioner or his or her minor child or children are in imminent danger of becoming victims of any act of domestic violence.
11. Whether the respondent engaged in any other behavior or conduct that leads the petitioner to have reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence.

The domestic violence laws only apply to your situation if the respondent is your **spouse**, former spouse, related to you by blood or marriage, living with you now or has lived with you in the past (if you are or were living as a family), or the other parent of your children whether or not you have ever been married or ever lived together. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing together or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit. If the respondent is not one of the above, you should look at **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(f), to determine if your situation will qualify for an injunction for protection against repeat violence, or **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(n), to determine if your situation will qualify for an injunction for protection against dating violence, or **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(q), to determine if your situation will qualify for an injunction for protection against sexual violence.

If you are under the age of eighteen and you have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, then one of your parents, custodians, or your legal guardian must sign this petition with you.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form (giving as much detail as possible) and sign it. You must file this form electronically pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525 OR bring the form to a clerk in the county where you live. You should keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, a court clerk or **family law intake staff** can help you.

### **What should I do if the judge grants my petition?**

If the facts contained in your petition convince the judge that you are a victim of domestic violence or that an **imminent danger of domestic violence** exists, the judge will sign either an immediate **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence with Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(c)(1) or an immediate **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence without Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(c)(2). A temporary injunction is issued without notice to the respondent. The clerk will give your petition, the temporary injunction, and any other papers filed with your petition to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for **personal service** on the respondent. The temporary injunction will take effect immediately after the respondent is served with a copy of it. It lasts until a full **hearing** can be held or for a period of 15 days, whichever comes first. The court may extend the temporary injunction beyond 15 days for a good reason, which may include failure to obtain **service** on the respondent.

The temporary injunction is issued **ex parte**. This means that the judge has considered only the information presented by one side—YOU. The temporary injunction gives a date that you must appear in court for a hearing. At that hearing, you will be expected to testify about the facts in your petition. The respondent will be given the opportunity to testify at this hearing, also. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to issue either a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence with Minor Child(ren) (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(d)(1), or a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence without Minor Child(ren) (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(d)(2). Either of these final judgments will remain in effect for a specific time period or until modified or dissolved by the court. **If either you or the respondent do not appear at the final hearing, the temporary injunction may be continued in force, extended, or dismissed, and/or additional orders may be granted, including entry of a permanent injunction and the imposition of court costs. You and respondent will be bound by the terms of any injunction issued at the final hearing.**

**IF EITHER YOU OR RESPONDENT DO NOT APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, YOU WILL BOTH BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION ISSUED IN THIS MATTER.**

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If the judge signs a temporary or final injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep one certified copy of the injunction with you at all times!**

### **What can I do if the judge denies my petition?**

If your petition is denied solely on the grounds that it appears to the court that no imminent danger of domestic violence exists, the court will set a full hearing, at the earliest possible time, on your petition, unless you request that no hearing be set. The respondent will be notified by **personal service** of your petition and the hearing. If your petition is denied, you may: amend your petition by filing a **Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence, Repeat or Dating Violence**, Florida Family Law Form 12.980 (g); attend the hearing and present facts that support your petition; and/or dismiss your petition.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE**

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. **You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration** and you **must** review Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MUST SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCUSED.** If a self-represented litigant has been excused from serving documents by e-mail and then elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once that election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### **Special notes . . .**

With this form you may also need to file the following:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), must be completed and filed if you are asking the court to

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determine issues with regard to your **parenting plan** or **time-parenting plan** means a document created to govern the relationship between the parents relating to the decisions that must be made regarding the minor child(ren) and must contain a time-sharing schedule for the parents and child(ren). The issues concerning the minor child(ren) may include, but are not limited to, the child(ren)'s education, health care, and physical, social, and emotional well-being. In creating the plan, all circumstances between the parents, including their historic relationship, domestic violence, and other factors must be taken into consideration. The parenting plan shall be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by a court, or established by the court, with or without the use of a court-ordered parenting plan recommendation. If the parents cannot agree, or if the parents agreed to a plan that is not approved by the court, a parenting plan shall be established by the court. **"Time-sharing schedule"** means a timetable that must be included in the parenting plan that specifies the time, including overnights and holidays, that a minor child will spend with each parent. If developed and agreed to by the parents of a minor child, it must be approved by the court. If the parents cannot agree, or if their agreed-upon schedule is not approved by the court, the schedule shall be established by the court.

- **Notice of Related Cases**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(h), must be completed and filed.
- **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), must be completed and filed if you are asking the court to determine issues of temporary child support.
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), must be completed and filed if you are seeking temporary alimony or temporary child support.
- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), **MUST** be filed with the court at or prior to a hearing to establish or modify child support.

**Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a **nonlawyer**. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out this form, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out this form also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Additionally, if you fear that disclosing your address to the respondent would put you in danger, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit court and write "confidential" in the space provided on the petition.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties of perjury,  
that the following statements are true:

### SECTION I. PETITIONER

*(This section is about you. It must be completed. However, if you fear that disclosing your address to the respondent would put you in danger, you should complete and file a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)*

1. Petitioner's current address is: {street address} \_\_\_\_\_  
{city, state, and zip code} \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: {area code and number} \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical description of Petitioner:  
Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write none.)

### SECTION II. RESPONDENT

*(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)*

1. Respondent's current address is: {street address, city, state, and zip code} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Driver's License number is: {if known} \_\_\_\_\_

2. Respondent is: *{Indicate all that apply}*
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ the spouse of Petitioner.  
Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ the former spouse of Petitioner.  
Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Dissolution of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ related by blood or marriage to Petitioner.  
Specify relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who is or was living in one home with Petitioner, as if a family.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ a person with whom Petitioner has a child in common, even if Petitioner and Respondent never were married or living together.
  
3. Petitioner has known Respondent since *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Working hours: \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Physical description of Respondent:  
Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Distinguishing marks or scars: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle: (make/model) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Other names Respondent goes by (aliases or nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not know whether Respondent has an attorney, write unknown. If Respondent does not have an attorney, write none.)

**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING PETITION** (This section must be completed.)

1. Has Petitioner ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence against Respondent in this or any other court?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, what happened in that case? *{Include case number, if known}*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Has Respondent ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence against Petitioner in this or any other court?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No      If yes, what happened in that case? *{Include case number, if known}*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe **any other** court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past, including a dissolution of marriage, paternity action, or child support enforcement action, **between Petitioner and Respondent** *{Include city, state, and case number, if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Petitioner is either a victim of domestic violence or has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence because respondent has: *{Mark all sections that apply and describe in the spaces below the incidents of violence or threats of violence, specifying when and where they occurred, including, but not limited to, locations such as a home, school, place of employment, or time-sharing exchange}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ committed or threatened to commit domestic violence defined in s. 741.28, Florida Statutes, as any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another. With the exception of persons who are parents of a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ previously threatened, harassed, stalked, or physically abused the petitioner.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ attempted to harm the petitioner or family members or individuals closely associated with the petitioner.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ threatened to conceal, kidnap, or harm the petitioner's child or children.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ intentionally injured or killed a family pet.

f. \_\_\_\_\_ used, or has threatened to use, against the petitioner any weapons such as guns or knives.

g. \_\_\_\_\_ physically restrained the petitioner from leaving the home or calling law enforcement.

h. \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal history involving violence or the threat of violence (if known).

i. \_\_\_\_\_ another order of protection issued against him or her previously or from another jurisdiction (if known).

j. \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed personal property, including, but not limited to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or other items belonging to the petitioner.

k. \_\_\_\_\_ engaged in a pattern of abusive, threatening, intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short.

l. \_\_\_\_\_ engaged in any other behavior or conduct that leads the petitioner to have reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence.

Below is a brief description of the latest act of violence or threat of violence that causes Petitioner to honestly fear imminent domestic violence by Respondent.

*{Please begin your narrative below. Use additional pages if necessary but please do not write in the margins or on the back of any of the pages Please indicate below if you are using additional pages.}*

On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, at {location} \_\_\_\_\_,

Respondent:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

5. Additional Information

*{Indicate all that apply}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Other acts or threats of domestic violence as described on attached sheet.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ This or other acts of domestic violence have been previously reported to {person or agency}: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.  
Describe weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent has a drug problem.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent has an alcohol problem.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent has a history of mental health problems. If checked, answer the following, if known:  
Has Respondent ever been the subject of a Baker Act proceeding? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Is Respondent supposed to take medication for mental health problems? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, is Respondent currently taking his/her medication? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**SECTION IV. TEMPORARY EXCLUSIVE USE AND POSSESSION OF HOME** (Complete this section **only** if you want the Court to grant you temporary exclusive use and possession of the home that you share with the Respondent.)

1. Petitioner claims the following about the home that Petitioner and Respondent share or that Petitioner left because of domestic violence:

*{Indicate **all** that apply}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner needs the exclusive use and possession of the home that the parties share at *{street address}* \_\_\_\_\_,

*{city, state, zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner cannot get another safe place to live because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_ If kept out of the home, Respondent has the money to get other housing or may live without money at *{street address}* \_\_\_\_\_,

*{city, state, zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The home is:

*{Choose **one** only}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ owned or rented by Petitioner and Respondent jointly.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ solely owned or rented by Petitioner.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ solely owned or rented by Respondent.

**SECTION V. TEMPORARY PARENTING PLAN WITH TEMPORARY TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE FOR MINOR CHILDREN**

*(Complete this section **only** if you are asking the court to provide a temporary parenting plan, including a temporary time-sharing schedule with regard to, the minor child or children of the parties which might involve prohibiting or limiting time-sharing or requiring that it be supervised by a third party. You must be the natural parent, adoptive parent, or guardian by court order of the minor child or children. If you are asking the court to provide a temporary parenting plan, including a temporary time-sharing schedule with regard to, the minor child or children of the parties which might involve prohibiting or limiting time-sharing or requiring that it be supervised by a third party, you must also complete and file a **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d)).*

**Note: If the paternity of the minor children listed below has not been established through either marriage or court order, the Court may deny a request to provide a temporary parenting plan, including a temporary time-sharing schedule with regard to, the minor child or children, and/or a request for child support.**

1. Petitioner is the natural parent, adoptive parent, or guardian by court order of the minor children whose name(s) and age(s) are listed below.

**Name**

**Birth date**

Name	Birth date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. The minor children for whom Petitioner is asking the court to provide a temporary parenting plan, including a temporary time-sharing schedule with regard to:

*{Choose one only}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ saw the domestic violence described in this petition happen.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ were at the place where the domestic violence happened but did not see it.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ were not there when the domestic violence happened this time but have seen previous acts of domestic violence by Respondent.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ have not witnessed domestic violence by Respondent.

3. Name **any other** minor children who were there when the domestic violence happened. Include children's name, age, and parents' names. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. **Temporary Parenting Plan and Temporary Time-Sharing Schedule**

*{Indicate all that apply}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court provide a temporary parenting plan, including a temporary time-sharing schedule, with regard to the minor child or children of the parties, as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court order supervised exchange of the minor children or exchange through a responsible person designated by the Court. The following person is suggested as a responsible person for purposes of such exchange. *{Explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court limit time-sharing by Respondent with the minor children. *{Explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court **prohibit** time-sharing by Respondent with the minor children because Petitioner genuinely fears that Respondent imminently will abuse, remove, or hide the minor children from Petitioner. *{Explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court allow only supervised time-sharing by Respondent with the minor children. *{Explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervision should be provided by a Family Visitation Center, or other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION VI. EXCLUSIVE CARE, POSSESSION, OR CONTROL OF FAMILY PET(S)** *(Complete this section only if you are seeking exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by you (the Petitioner), the Respondent, or a minor child residing in either your residence or household or Respondent's residence or household. The court may order the Respondent to have no contact with the animal and may prohibit the Respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal. You may not request to have exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal owned primarily for a bona fide agricultural purpose, as defined in section 193.461, Florida Statutes, or a service animal, as defined in section 413.08, Florida Statutes, if Respondent is the service animal's handler.) {Indicate **all** that apply}.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests to have exclusive care, possession, and control of the following animal(s) which are owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by Petitioner, Respondent, or a minor child residing in Petitioner's or Respondent's residence or household: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that Respondent have no contact with the following animal(s) and be prohibited from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of them:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION VII. TEMPORARY SUPPORT** *(Complete this section **only** if you are seeking financial support from the Respondent. You must also complete and file a **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), if you are seeking child support. A **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), must be filed with the court at or prior to a hearing to establish or modify child support.)*

*{Indicate **all** that apply}*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner claims a need for the money he or she is asking the Court to make Respondent pay, and that Respondent has the ability to pay that money.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court order Respondent to pay the following temporary alimony to Petitioner. (Petitioner must be married to Respondent to ask for temporary alimony.) Temporary Alimony Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ every: \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ other week \_\_\_\_\_ month.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court order Respondent to pay the following temporary child support to Petitioner. (The Respondent must be the natural parent, adoptive parent, or guardian by court order of the minor children for the court to order the Respondent to pay child support.) Temporary child support is requested in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ every: \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ other week \_\_\_\_\_ month.

**SECTION VIII. INJUNCTION** (This section summarizes what you are asking the Court to include in the injunction. This section must be completed.)

1. Petitioner asks the Court to enter a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for protection against domestic violence that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter.
  
2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter, after a hearing has been held on this petition, a final judgment on injunction prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence against Petitioner **and**:
  - a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place the Petitioner lives;
  - b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of the Petitioner's place(s) of employment or school; the address of Petitioner's place(s) of employment or school is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;
  - c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by mail, by telephone, through another person, or in any other manner;
  - d. prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner's motor vehicle;
  - e. prohibiting Respondent from defacing or destroying Petitioner's personal property;

*{Indicate **all** that apply}*

- f. \_\_\_\_\_ prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of the following place(s) Petitioner or Petitioner's minor children must go often {include address}:  
\_\_\_\_\_;
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ granting Petitioner temporary exclusive use and possession of the home Petitioner and Respondent share;
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ granting Petitioner on a temporary basis 100% of the time sharing with the parties' minor children;
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ establishing a temporary parenting plan including a temporary time-sharing schedule for the parties' minor children;
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ granting Petitioner exclusive care, possession, or control of the animal(s) identified in paragraph 1 of Section VI which are owned, possessed, harbored, kept or held by Petitioner, Respondent, or a minor child residing in Petitioner or Respondent's residence or household;
- k. \_\_\_\_\_ prohibiting Respondent from having any contact with the animal(s) identified in paragraph 2 of Section VI or from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of them;
- l. \_\_\_\_\_ granting temporary alimony for Petitioner;
- m. \_\_\_\_\_ granting temporary child support for the minor children;
- n. \_\_\_\_\_ ordering Respondent to participate in treatment, intervention, and/or counseling services;



- o. \_\_\_\_\_referring Petitioner to a certified domestic violence center; and any other terms the Court deems necessary for the protection of Petitioner and/or Petitioner’s children, including injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies, as provided in Section 741.30, Florida Statutes.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION, THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.**

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
{Do not write your address if you are filing or have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Form 12.980(h).}  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_  
{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_  
{address} \_\_\_\_\_  
{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_  
{email address} \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(f),  
PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR  
PROTECTION AGAINST REPEAT VIOLENCE  
(06/24)**

**Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** are defined in that section. The clerk of the circuit court or family law intake staff can help you complete any necessary domestic violence forms and can give you information about local domestic violence victim assistance programs, shelters, and other related services. You may also call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119. For further information, see Chapter 741, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.610, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

**When should this form be used?**

If you or a member of your immediate family are a victim of **repeat violence**, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting repeat violence. Repeat violence means that **two** incidents of violence have been committed against you or a member of your immediate family by another person, **one of which must have been within 6 months of filing this petition.** Repeat violence includes assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death. Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. If you are under the age of eighteen and have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, one of your parents or your legal guardian must sign this petition on your behalf.

The parent or legal guardian of any minor child *who is living at home* may seek an injunction for protection against repeat violence on behalf of the minor child. With respect to a minor child who is living at home, the parent or legal guardian must have been an eye-witness to, or have direct physical evidence or **affidavits** from eye-witnesses of, the specific facts and circumstances that form the basis of the petition.

If the respondent is your **spouse**, former spouse, related to you by blood or marriage, living with you now or has lived with you in the past (if you are or were living as a family), or the other parent of your child(ren), whether or not you have ever been married or ever lived together, you should use **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(a), rather than this form.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form (giving as much detail as possible) and sign it. You must file this form electronically pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525 OR bring the form to a clerk in the county where you live. You should **keep a copy for your records**. If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, a court clerk or **family law intake staff** can help you.

**What should I do if the judge grants my petition?**

If the facts contained in your petition convince the judge that you or a member of your immediate family are a victim

of repeat violence and that an **immediate and present danger of repeat violence** to you or that family exists, the judge will sign a **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(k). A temporary injunction is issued without notice to the respondent. The clerk will give your **petition**, the temporary injunction, and any other papers filed with your petition to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for **personal service** on the respondent. The temporary injunction will take effect immediately after the respondent is served with a copy of it. It lasts until a full **hearing** can be held or for a period of 15 days, whichever comes first. The court may extend the temporary injunction beyond 15 days for a good reason, which may include failure to obtain **service** on the respondent.

The temporary injunction is issued **ex parte**. This means that the judge has considered only the information presented by one side—YOU. Section I of the temporary injunction gives a date that you should appear in court for a hearing. You will be expected to testify about the facts in your petition. The respondent will be given the opportunity to testify at this hearing, also. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to issue a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(l), which will remain in effect for a specific time period or until modified or dissolved by the court. **If you and/or the respondent do not appear, the temporary injunction may be continued in force, extended, or dismissed, and/or additional orders may be granted, including entry of a permanent injunction and the imposition of court costs. You and respondent will be bound by the terms of any injunction or order issued at the final hearing.**

**IF EITHER YOU OR RESPONDENT DO NOT APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, YOU WILL BOTH BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED IN THIS MATTER.**

If the judge signs a temporary or final injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep one certified copy of the injunction with you at all times!**

### **What can I do if the judge denies my petition?**

If your petition is denied on the grounds that it appears to the court that no immediate and present danger of repeat violence exists, the court will set a full hearing on your petition. The respondent will be notified by **personal service** of your petition and the hearing. If your petition is denied, you may: amend your petition by filing a **Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(g); attend the hearing and present facts that support your petition; and/or dismiss your petition.

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To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### **Special notes . . .**

**Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a **nonlawyer**. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out this form, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out this form also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

If you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons, you should complete a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit. You should then write "confidential" in the space provided on the petition.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST REPEAT VIOLENCE

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties of perjury,  
that the following statements are true:

### SECTION I. PETITIONER

*(This section is about you. It must be completed. However, if you fear that disclosing your address to the respondent would put you in danger, you should complete and file a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)*

1. Petitioner currently lives at the following address: {address, city, state, zip code} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
{Indicate if applicable}

\_\_\_\_\_ **Petitioner seeks an injunction for protection on behalf of a minor child.** Petitioner is the parent or  
legal guardian of {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child  
who is living at home.

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

### SECTION II. RESPONDENT

*(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)*

1. Respondent currently lives at the following address: {address, city, state, and zip code} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Driver's License number is: {if known} \_\_\_\_\_

2. Petitioner has known Respondent since: {date} \_\_\_\_\_

3. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_

Working hours: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Physical description of Respondent:  
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distinguishing marks and/or scars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle: (make/model) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other names Respondent goes by (aliases or nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_
6. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (If you do not know whether Respondent has an attorney, write "unknown." If Respondent does not have an attorney, write "none.")

**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING PETITION** (This section must be completed.)

1. Has Petitioner ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, or sexual violence against Respondent in this or any other court?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, what happened in that case? *{include case number, if known}*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Has Respondent ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, or sexual violence against Petitioner in this or any other court?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, what happened in that case? *{include case number, if known}*  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe any other court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past between Petitioner and Respondent *{include case number, if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Respondent has directed at least two incidents of violence, meaning assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death against Petitioner or a member of Petitioner's immediate family. One of these two incidents of violence has occurred within 6 months of the date of filing of this petition. The most recent incident (including date and location) is described below.
- On *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_, at *{location}* \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Respondent \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

5. Other prior incidents (including dates and location) are described below:

On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, at {location} \_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

6. Petitioner genuinely fears repeat violence by Respondent. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. **Additional Information**

{Choose **all that apply**}

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.

Describe weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ This or prior acts of repeat violence have been previously reported to: {person or agency}

\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IV. INJUNCTION** (This section must be completed.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner asks the Court to enter a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for protection against repeat violence that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner asks the Court to enter, after a hearing has been held on this petition, a final judgment of injunction prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of violence against Petitioner **and**:

a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place Petitioner lives;

b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of Petitioner’s place(s) of employment or the school that Petitioner attends; the address of Petitioner’s place(s) of employment and/or school is: \_\_\_\_\_

c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by telephone, mail, by e-mail, in writing, through another person, or in any other manner;

d. ordering Respondent not to use or possess any guns or firearms;

{Indicate **all that apply**}

e. \_\_\_\_\_ prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of the following place(s) Petitioner or Petitioner’s immediate family must go to often: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

f. \_\_\_\_\_prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner’s motor vehicle; and any other terms the Court deems necessary for the safety of Petitioner and Petitioner’s immediate family.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION, THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.**

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
{Do not write your address if you are filing or have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Form 12.980(h).}  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{address} \_\_\_\_\_

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.

{email address} \_\_\_\_\_.



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(g)  
SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR INJUNCTION  
FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC, REPEAT, DATING, OR SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE, OR STALKING (06/24)**

**Where can I look for more information?**

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**When should this form be used?**

You may use this form if your **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(a), your **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(f), your **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(n), your **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.890(q), or your **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Stalking**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(t), was denied by the **judge**.

You should use this supplemental **affidavit** to add facts or clarify the facts you wrote in your original **petition**.

For a domestic violence case, you should include facts that establish that you have been a victim of violence or are in **imminent** danger of becoming a victim of violence from the **respondent**.

For a repeat violence case, you should include facts that establish that you or a member of your immediate family have or has been a victim of at least two prior incidents of violence, that one of those incidents occurred within the last six months and that there is an immediate and present risk of danger to you or a member of your immediate family.

For a dating violence case, you should include fact that establish that you have been a victim of violence or are in imminent danger of becoming a victim of violence from the **respondent** who is an individual with whom you have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature, to be determined by consideration of such facts as: whether the dating relationship existed within the past six months; whether the nature of the relationship included an expectation of affection or sexual involvement; and whether the frequency and type of interaction between you and the individual included involvement over time and on a continued basis. Dating violence does not include violence in a casual acquaintanceship or violence between individuals who have only engaged in ordinary fraternization in a business or social context.

For a sexual violence case, you should include facts that establish that you are a victim of sexual violence or the parent of a minor child living at home who is a victim of sexual violence, and that you have reported the sexual violence to law enforcement and are cooperating in the criminal proceeding if there is one. If the respondent was in state prison for sexual violence against you or the minor child and the respondent is out of prison or is getting out

within 90 days of the petition, include that information in your supplemental affidavit, along with a copy of the notice of inmate release.

For a stalking case, you should include facts that establish that you are either a victim of stalking or cyberstalking, or that you are the parent or legal guardian of a minor child living at home who is a victim of stalking or cyberstalking. The facts must establish that stalking exists in order for the judge to order a temporary injunction for protection against stalking. Please be specific as to where the incidents of stalking took place. These locations may include, but need not be limited to, a home, school, or place of employment. For cyberstalking, please include a description of all evidence of contacts and/or threats made by the respondent in voice messages, texts, emails, or other electronic communication.

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### **What should I do next?**

After you complete this supplemental affidavit, the clerk will attach it to your original petition and all the documents will be submitted to the judge as your Amended Petition.

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Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(g), Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, or Sexual Violence, or Stalking (06/24)

### Special notes . . .

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR  
INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST  
( ) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ( ) REPEAT VIOLENCE  
( ) DATING VIOLENCE ( ) SEXUAL VIOLENCE ( ) STALKING**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties  
of perjury, that the following statements are true:  
{Please complete all paragraphs that relate to your case}

1. On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, at {place and address} \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent said or did the following things that hurt me or a member of my immediate family and made me afraid for my or my family member's safety:

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2. On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, at {place and address} \_\_\_\_\_,  
the following event(s) took place: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, the following incidents of stalking occurred at the following locations:  
{the locations may include, but need not be limited to, a home, school, or place of employment}

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching copies of medical records for treatment you may have  
received for injuries referred to in your petition or in this supplemental affidavit, copies of any police or  
sheriff reports concerning incidents of violence involving you and Respondent, or any notice of inmate  
release.

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

{Do not write your address if you are filing or have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Form 12.980(h).}

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_,

{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_,

{address} \_\_\_\_\_,

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.

{email address} \_\_\_\_\_.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(i)  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST  
DOMESTIC, REPEAT, DATING, OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR STALKING  
(06/24)**

**Where can I look for more information?**

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**When should this form be used?**

If you are the **petitioner** on a previously entered injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, sexual violence, or stalking, and that injunction will soon expire, you may use this form to request that the court **extend the injunction**. **You must file a motion for extension BEFORE the previously entered order expires.**

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign it. You must file this form electronically pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525 OR bring the form to a clerk in the county where you live. You should keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, a court clerk or family law intake staff can help you.

**What should I do next?**

For your case to proceed, you will need to set a **hearing** on your motion. You must properly notify the other party of the motion and hearing. You should check with the clerk of court for information on the local procedure for scheduling a hearing. When you know the date and time of your hearing, you should file **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form. You will need to serve a copy of your motion and Notice of Hearing on the other party by U.S. mail, e-mail, or hand delivery. Service of your motion must be in a manner that is reasonably calculated to apprise the other party of your motion and the hearing. Please note that if notice is mailed or e-mailed, the court in certain circumstances may not consider mailing or e-mailing to be adequate notice. If you want to be sure, you should consider using certified mail, return receipt requested, or having the motion personally served. This is a technical area of the law; if you have any questions about it, you should consult a lawyer. For more information on personal service, see the instructions for **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a).

You will need to appear at the hearing on your motion. After the hearing, if the judge grants your motion, he or she will prepare an **Order Extending Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence, Repeat Violence, Dating Violence, or Sexual Violence, or Stalking**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(m). After the judge signs the order, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep a certified copy of the previously entered injunction AND a certified copy of the order extending that injunction with you at all times.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. **You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration** and you **must** review Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MUST SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCUSED.** If a self-represented litigant has been excused from serving documents by email and then elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once that election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### Special notes . . .

When completing this form, you should make sure that your reasons for requesting that the injunction be extended are stated clearly and that you include all relevant facts.

**Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a **nonlawyer**. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out this form, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out this form also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

If you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit. You should then write "confidential" in the space provided on the petition.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

And

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent,

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST  
( ) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ( ) REPEAT VIOLENCE  
( ) DATING VIOLENCE ( ) SEXUAL VIOLENCE ( ) STALKING**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties of perjury, that the following statements are true:

**SECTION I. PETITIONER**

(This section is about you. It must be completed; however, **if you fear that disclosing your address would put you in danger because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, stalking, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence**, you should complete and file a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)

1. Petitioner currently lives at the following address: {street address} \_\_\_\_\_  
{city, state, and zip code} \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: {area code and number} \_\_\_\_\_
2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

**SECTION II. RESPONDENT**

(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)

**New** information about Respondent, since the current injunction was issued: (If known, write Respondent's new address, place of employment, physical description, vehicle, aliases or nicknames, or attorney's name.)

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**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING EXTENSION OF INJUNCTION**

- 1. Describe any attempts since the date of the current injunction by either Petitioner or Respondent to get an injunction for protection in this or any other court (other than the injunction you are asking to extend in this motion).

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- 2. Describe any other court cases (including city, state, and case numbers, if known) since the date of the current injunction between Petitioner and Respondent, including any cases involving the parties' minor child(ren), divorce, juvenile dependency, guardianship, or other civil or criminal cases.

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- 3. Petitioner requests that the previously entered injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, sexual violence, or stalking, be extended for the following **specific** reasons:  
*{State **in detail** why you wish the injunction to remain in effect.}*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

- 4. Petitioner genuinely fears the continued threat of violence or stalking by Respondent.

**SECTION IV. REQUESTED RELIEF**

1. Petitioner understands that the Court will hold a hearing on this motion and that he or she must appear at the hearing.
2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter an order in this case that extends the previously entered injunction for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ or ( ) until modified or dissolved by the court.

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, ( ) furnished to a law enforcement officer for personal service to the person(s) listed below on {date}

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS MOTION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{address} \_\_\_\_\_

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_

{email address} \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY  
LAW FORM 12.980(j)  
MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION  
AGAINST DOMESTIC, REPEAT, DATING, OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR  
STALKING (06/24)**

**Where can I look for more information?**

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**When should this form be used?**

This form may be used if you are a **party** to a previously entered injunction for protection against domestic, repeat, dating, or sexual violence, or stalking, and you want the court to **modify the terms** of the injunction. If you use this form, you are called the moving party.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign it. You must file this form electronically pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525 OR bring the form to a clerk in the county where you live. You should keep a copy for your records. **You must file a motion for modification before the previously entered order expires.** If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, a court clerk or **family law intake staff** can help you.

**What should I do next?**

For your case to proceed, you will need to set a **hearing** on your motion. You must properly notify the other party of the motion and hearing. You should check with the clerk of court for information on the local procedure for scheduling a hearing. When you know the date and time of your hearing, you should file **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form. You will need to serve a copy of your motion and Notice of Hearing on the other party. Service of your motion must be in a manner that is reasonably calculated to apprise the other party of your motion and the hearing. Please note that if notice is mailed or e-mailed, the court in certain circumstances may not consider mailing or e-mailing to be adequate notice. If you want to be sure, you should consider using certified mail, return receipt requested, or having the motion personally served. **If you are not represented by an attorney in this action, you must file proof that the other party personally received notice of your motion.** This is a technical area of the law; if you have any questions about it, you should consult a lawyer. For more information on personal service, see the instructions for **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a).

You will need to appear at a hearing on your motion for modification of injunction. After the hearing, if the judge grants your motion, he or she will prepare a new injunction for protection that contains the modifications. After the judge signs the new injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep a certified copy of the new injunction with you at all times!**

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### Special notes . . .

If the injunction you are seeking to modify is for domestic violence and you want the court to modify **alimony, child support, or time-sharing** of minor child(ren), you must establish that there has been a change in circumstance(s), as required by chapter 61, Florida Statutes, or chapter 741, Florida Statutes, as applicable, that requires this (these) modification(s). Be sure that you make these change(s) clear in your motion.

With this form you may also file the following:

- **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), if you fear that disclosing your address would put you in danger because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, stalking, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, and you wish to keep your address confidential.
- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), must be completed and attached if the modification(s) you are seeking involves temporary custody of any minor child(ren).
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), must be completed and attached if the modification(s) you are seeking involves temporary alimony or temporary child support.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(j), Motion for Modification of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating or Sexual Violence, or Stalking (06/24)

When completing this form, you should make sure that your reasons for requesting that the injunction be modified are stated clearly and that you include all relevant facts.

**Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a **nonlawyer**. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out this form, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out this form also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

If you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit. You should then write “confidential” in the space provided on the petition.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

And

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent,

**MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION  
AGAINST ( ) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ( ) REPEAT VIOLENCE  
( ) DATING VIOLENCE ( ) SEXUAL VIOLENCE ( ) STALKING**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties of perjury, that the following statements are true:

**SECTION I. MOVING PARTY**

(This section is about you. It must be completed. However, **if you fear that disclosing your address would put you in danger because you are the victim of sexual battery, stalking, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence**, you should complete and file a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)

1. Moving Party is the \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent in this case.
2. Moving Party currently lives at the following address: {street address} \_\_\_\_\_  
{city, state, and zip code} \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: {area code and number} \_\_\_\_\_
3. Moving Party's attorney's name, address and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

**SECTION II. NEW INFORMATION**

**New** information since the previous injunction was issued: (If known, write the other party's new address, place of employment, physical description, vehicle, aliases or nicknames, or attorney's name.)

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**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING MODIFICATION OF INJUNCTION**

1. Describe any attempts since the date of the current injunction by either Petitioner or Respondent to get an injunction for protection in this or any other court (other than the injunction you are asking to modify in this motion). \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Describe any other court cases (including case numbers, if known) since the date of the current injunction between Petitioner and Respondent, including any cases involving the parties' minor child(ren), divorce, juvenile dependency, guardianship, or other civil or criminal cases. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Moving Party requests that the previously entered injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, sexual violence, or stalking, be modified for the following **specific** reasons: *{State why you wish the injunction to be changed.}* \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

**SECTION IV. REQUESTED RELIEF**

1. Moving Party understands that the Court will hold a hearing on this motion and that he or she must appear at the hearing.
  
2. Moving Party asks the Court to enter an order in this case that modifies the previously entered injunction in the following ways: *{State how you wish the injunction to be changed.}*  
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I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, ( ) furnished to a law enforcement officer for personal service to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS MOTION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent  
This form was completed with the assistance of:  
{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_,  
{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_,  
{address} \_\_\_\_\_,  
{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_,  
{email address} \_\_\_\_\_.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(n)  
PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DATING  
VIOLENCE (06/24)**

**Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** are defined in that section. The clerk of the circuit court or family law intake staff can help you complete any necessary domestic violence forms and can give you information about local domestic violence victim assistance programs, shelters, and other related services. You may also call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119. For further information, see Chapter 741, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.610, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

**When should this form be used?**

If you are a victim of **dating violence**, and have reasonable cause to believe you are in **imminent danger** of becoming the victim of another act of dating violence, **or** if you have reasonable cause to believe that you are in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of dating violence, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting dating violence. Dating violence means violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. **The dating relationship must have existed within the past six months, the nature of the relationship must have been characterized by the expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties, and the frequency and type of interaction must have included that the persons have been involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship.** Dating violence does not include violence in a casual acquaintanceship or violence between individuals who only have engaged in ordinary fraternization in a business or social context. Dating violence includes assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death. Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. If you are under the age of eighteen and have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, one of your parents or your legal guardian must sign this petition on your behalf.

**If you are filing on behalf of a child or children**

The parent or legal guardian of any minor child *who is living at home* may seek an injunction for protection against dating violence on behalf of the minor child. With respect to a minor child who is living at home, if the party against whom the protective injunction is sought is also a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian, you, as the parent or legal guardian filing the petition, must have been an eye-witness to, or have direct physical evidence or **affidavits** from eye-witnesses of, the specific facts and circumstances that form the basis of the petition. If the party against whom the protective injunction is sought is a person **OTHER THAN** a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of the minor child, you, as the parent or legal guardian filing the petition, must state why you have reasonable cause to believe that the minor child is a victim of dating violence.

**Additional Information**

If the respondent is your **spouse**, former spouse, related to you by blood or marriage, living with you now or has lived with you in the past (if you are or were living as a family), or the other parent of your child(ren), whether or

not you have ever been married or ever lived together, you should use **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(a), rather than this form.

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### **What should I do if the judge grants my petition?**

If the facts contained in your petition convince the judge that an **immediate and present danger of dating violence** exists, the judge will sign a **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(o). A temporary injunction is issued without notice to the respondent. The clerk will give your **petition**, the temporary injunction, and any other papers filed with your petition to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for **personal service** on the respondent. The temporary injunction will take effect immediately after the respondent is served with a copy of it. It lasts until a full **hearing** can be held or for a period of 15 days, whichever comes first. The court may extend the temporary injunction beyond 15 days for a good reason, which may include failure to obtain **service** on the respondent.

The temporary injunction is issued **ex parte**. This means that the judge has considered only the information presented by one side—YOU. Section I of the temporary injunction gives a date that you should appear in court for a hearing. You will be expected to testify about the facts in your petition. The respondent will be given the opportunity to testify at this hearing, also. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to issue a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(p), which will remain in effect for a specific time period or until modified or dissolved by the court. **If you and/or the respondent do not appear, the temporary injunction may be continued in force, extended, or dismissed, and/or additional orders may be granted, including entry of a permanent injunction and the imposition of court costs. You and respondent will be bound by the terms of any injunction or order issued at the final hearing.**

**IF EITHER YOU OR RESPONDENT DO NOT APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, YOU WILL BOTH BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED IN THIS MATTER.**

If the judge signs a temporary or final injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep one certified copy of the injunction with you at all times!**

### **What can I do if the judge denies my petition?**

If your petition is denied on the grounds that it appears to the court that no immediate and present danger of dating violence exists, the court will set a full hearing on your petition. The respondent will be notified by **personal service** of your petition and the hearing. If your petition is denied, you may: amend your petition by filing a **Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(g); attend the hearing and present facts that support your petition; and/or dismiss your petition.

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pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

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To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### **Special notes . . .**

**Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a **nonlawyer**. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out this form, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out this form also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

If you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit. You should then write "confidential" in the space provided on the petition.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DATING VIOLENCE

I, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties of perjury,  
that the following statements are true:

### SECTION I. PETITIONER

(This section is about you. It must be completed. However, if you fear that disclosing your address to the respondent would put you in danger, you should complete and file a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)

1. Petitioner currently lives at the following address: *{address, city, state, zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_.

*{Indicate if applicable}*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Petitioner seeks an injunction for protection on behalf of a minor child.** Petitioner is the parent or legal guardian of *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child who is living at home.

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

### SECTION II. RESPONDENT

(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)

1. Respondent currently lives at the following address: *{address, city, state, and zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Driver's License number is: *{if known}* \_\_\_\_\_
2. Petitioner has known Respondent since: *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Working hours: \_\_\_\_\_



5. Describe **any other** court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past **between Petitioner and Respondent** {Include case number, if known}: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Respondent has directed an incident of violence, meaning assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, or false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death against Petitioner or a minor child living at home. The incident (including date and location) is described below.

On {date} \_\_\_\_\_, at {location} \_\_\_\_\_,

Respondent

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\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

7. Other prior incidents (including dates and location) are described below:

On {date(s)} \_\_\_\_\_, at {location(s)} \_\_\_\_\_,

Respondent

\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

8. **Imminent Danger**

{Please complete **either** paragraph a or b below}

a. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner is a victim of dating violence and has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of another act of dating violence. {Explain what Respondent has done to make you a victim of dating violence and to make you fear that you are in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of another act of dating violence.}

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**OR**

b. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of dating violence as demonstrated by the fact that Respondent has: {Explain what Respondent has done that makes you fear that you are in **imminent danger** of becoming a victim of dating violence.}

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9. **Additional Information**

*{Indicate all that apply}*

a. \_\_\_\_ Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.

Describe weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_ This or prior acts of dating violence have been previously reported to: *{person or agency}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV. INJUNCTION**

(This section must be completed.)

1. Petitioner asks the Court to enter a **TEMPORARY INJUNCTION** for protection against dating violence that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter.

2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter an injunction prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of violence against Petitioner and:

a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place Petitioner lives;

b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of Petitioner's place(s) of employment or the school that Petitioner attends; the address of Petitioner's place(s) of employment and/or school is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by telephone, mail, by e-mail, in writing, through another person, or in any other manner;

d. ordering Respondent not to use or possess any guns or firearms;

*{Indicate all that apply}*

e. \_\_\_\_ prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of the following place(s) Petitioner or Petitioner's immediate family must go to often: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;

f. \_\_\_\_ prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner's motor vehicle; and any other terms the Court deems necessary for the safety of Petitioner and Petitioner's immediate family.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION, THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.**



**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

{Do not write your address if you are filing or have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Form 12.980(h).}

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: *{choose only one}* ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

*{name of individual}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{name of business or individual}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{address}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{city}* \_\_\_\_\_ *{state}*, \_\_\_\_\_ *{telephone number}* \_\_\_\_\_

*{email address}* \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(q)  
PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR  
PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE (06/24)**

**Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** are defined in that section. The clerk of the circuit court or family law intake staff can help you complete any necessary domestic violence forms and can give you information about local domestic violence victim assistance programs, shelters, and other related services. You may also call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119. For further information, see Chapter 741, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.610, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

**When should this form be used?**

If you are a victim of **sexual violence** or the parent or legal guardian of a minor child who is living at home and is a victim of sexual violence, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting sexual violence. Sexual violence means any one incident of:

- sexual battery, as defined in Chapter 794, Florida Statutes;
- a lewd or lascivious act, as defined in Chapter 800, Florida Statutes, committed upon or in the presence of a person younger than 16 years of age;
- luring or enticing a child, as described in Chapter 787, Florida Statutes;
- sexual performance by a child, as described in Chapter 827, Florida Statutes; or
- any other forcible felony wherein a sexual act is committed or attempted.

In order to get an injunction, you must have reported the sexual violence to a law enforcement agency and be cooperating in the criminal proceeding if there is one. It does not matter whether criminal charges based on the sexual violence have been filed, reduced, or dismissed by the state attorney's office. You may also seek an injunction for protection against sexual violence if the respondent was sent to prison for committing one of the sexual violence crimes listed above against you or your minor child living at home and respondent is out of prison or is getting out of prison within 90 days of your petition. Attach the notice of inmate release to your petition.

Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. If you are seeking an injunction for protection against sexual violence on behalf of a minor child who is living at home, the parent or legal guardian must have been an eyewitness to, or have direct physical evidence or **affidavits** from eyewitnesses of, the specific facts and circumstances that form the basis of the petition. If you are under the age of eighteen and have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, one of your parents or your legal guardian must sign this petition on your behalf.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

I, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ declare under penalties of perjury, that the following statements are true:

### SECTION I. PETITIONER

(This section is about you. It must be completed; however, **if you fear that disclosing your address to the respondent would put you in danger**, you should complete and file a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address.)

1. Petitioner currently lives at the following address: *{address, city, state, zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

*{Indicate if applicable}*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Petitioner seeks an injunction for protection on behalf of a minor child.**

Petitioner is the parent or legal guardian of *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_,  
a minor child who is living at home.

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

### SECTION II. RESPONDENT

(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)

1. Respondent currently lives at the following address: *{address, city, state, and zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Driver's License number is: *{if known}* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Working hours: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Physical description of Respondent:  
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distinguishing marks and/or scars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle: (make/model) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Other names Respondent goes by (aliases or nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you do not know whether Respondent has an attorney, write "unknown." If Respondent does not have an attorney, write "none.")
  
6. If Respondent is a minor, the address of Respondent's parent or legal guardian is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING PETITION**

(This section must be completed.)

1. Petitioner has suffered sexual violence as shown by the fact that the Respondent has: *{describe the acts of violence}* \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

*{Indicate all that apply}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner reported the sexual violence to law enforcement and is cooperating in any criminal proceeding. The incident report number by law enforcement is: \_\_\_\_\_. *{If there is a criminal case, include case number, if known}* \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent was sent to prison for committing sexual violence against Petitioner or Petitioner's minor child living at home and Respondent is out of prison or is getting out of prison within 90 days. The notice of inmate release is attached.

2. Has Petitioner ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence, dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence against Respondent in this or any other court?  
 Yes  No If yes, what happened in that case? *{Include case number, if known}* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Has Respondent ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against domestic violence, dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence against Petitioner in this or any other court?  
 Yes  No If yes, what happened in that case? *{Include case number, if known}* \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Describe any other court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past between Petitioner and Respondent *{Include case number, if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. **Additional Information**  
*{Indicate all that apply}*
  - a.  Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.  
 Describe weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - b.  This or prior acts of violence have been previously reported to: *{person or agency}* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV. INJUNCTION**

(This section must be completed.)

1. Petitioner asks the Court to enter a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for protection against sexual violence that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter.
  
2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter an injunction prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of violence against Petitioner and:
  - a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place Petitioner lives;
  - b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of Petitioner’s place(s) of employment or the school that Petitioner attends; the address of Petitioner’s place(s) of employment and/or school is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_;
  - c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by telephone, mail, by e-mail, in writing, through another person, or in any other manner;
  - d. ordering Respondent not to use or possess any guns or firearms;

*{Indicate all that apply}*

  - e.  prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of the following place(s) Petitioner or Petitioner’s immediate family must go to often: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner’s motor vehicle; AND any other terms the Court deems necessary for the safety of Petitioner and Petitioner’s immediate family.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION, THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.**

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

{Do not write your address if you are filing or have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Form 12.980(h).}

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{address} \_\_\_\_\_

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.

{email address} \_\_\_\_\_



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.980(t)  
PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STALKING  
(06/24)**

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**When should this form be used?**

If you are a victim of stalking, you can use this form to ask the court for a protective order prohibiting stalking. Stalking means the repeated following, harassment, or cyberstalking of one person by another. Cyberstalk means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose.

Because you are making a request to the court, you are called the **petitioner**. The person whom you are asking the court to protect you from is called the **respondent**. If you are under the age of eighteen and have never been married or had the disabilities of nonage removed by a court, and are living at home, one of your parents or your legal guardian must sign this petition on your behalf.

The parent or legal guardian of any minor child *who is living at home* may seek an injunction for protection against stalking on behalf of the minor child.

If the respondent is your **spouse**, former spouse, related to you by blood or marriage, living with you now or has lived with you in the past (if you are or were living as a family), or the other parent of your child(ren), whether or not you have ever been married or ever lived together, you may, instead, choose to use the **Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(a), rather than this form.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form (giving as much detail as possible) and sign it. You must file this form electronically pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525 OR bring the form to a clerk in the county where you currently or temporarily reside; the county where the respondent resides; or the county where the stalking occurred. You should keep a copy for your records. If have any questions or need assistance completing this form, a court clerk or **family law intake staff** can help you. There is no filing fee for a petition for protection against stalking.

**What should I do if the judge grants my petition?**

If the facts contained in your petition convince the judge that stalking or cyberstalking exists, the judge will sign a **Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Stalking**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(u). A temporary injunction is issued without notice to the respondent. The clerk will give your **petition**, the temporary injunction, and any other papers filed with your petition to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for **personal**

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**service** on the respondent. The temporary injunction will take effect immediately after the respondent is served with a copy of it. It lasts until a **hearing** can be held or for a period of 15 days, whichever comes first.

The court may extend the temporary injunction beyond 15 days for a good reason, which may include failure to obtain **service** on the respondent.

The temporary injunction is issued **ex parte**. This means that the judge has considered only the information presented by one side—YOU. Section I of the temporary injunction gives a date that you should appear in court for a hearing. You will be expected to testify about the facts in your petition. The respondent will be given the opportunity to testify at this hearing also. At the hearing, the judge will decide whether to issue a **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Stalking (After Notice)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(v), which will remain in effect for a specific time period or until modified or dissolved by the court. **If either you or the respondent do not appear at the hearing, the temporary injunction may be continued in force, extended, or dismissed, and/or additional orders may be granted, including entry of a permanent injunction and the imposition of court costs. You and the respondent will be bound by the terms of any injunction or order issued at the final hearing.**

**IF EITHER YOU OR THE RESPONDENT DO NOT APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, YOU WILL BOTH BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED IN THIS MATTER.**

If the judge signs a temporary or final injunction, the clerk will provide you with the necessary copies. **Make sure that you keep one certified copy of the injunction with you at all times!**

### **What can I do if the judge denies my petition or does not issue a Temporary Injunction?**

If your petition is denied, you may amend your petition by filing a **Supplemental Affidavit in Support of Petition for Injunction for Protection**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(g). If the only ground for not granting an ex parte temporary injunction is no appearance of immediate and present danger of stalking, the court shall set a full hearing on your petition for injunction at the earliest possible time. The respondent will be notified by **personal service** of your petition and the hearing. You must attend the hearing, present facts, and bring evidence that supports your petition; failure to attend the hearing may result in dismissal of your petition.

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find this rule at [www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MUST SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCUSED.** If a self-represented litigant has been excused from serving documents by e-mail and then elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once that election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

### **Special notes . . .**

**Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a **nonlawyer**. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out this form, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out this form also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

If you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and file it with the clerk of the circuit. You should then write "confidential" in the space provided on the petition.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STALKING

I, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties of perjury, that the following statements are true:

### SECTION I. PETITIONER

(This section is about you. It must be completed; **however, if you require that your address be confidential for safety reasons**, you should complete and file a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), and write "confidential" in the space provided on this form for your address and telephone number.)

1. Petitioner resides at the following address: *{address, city, state, zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*{Indicate if applicable}*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Petitioner seeks an injunction for protection on behalf of a minor child.** Petitioner is the parent or legal guardian of *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child who is living at home.

2. Petitioner's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If you do not have an attorney, write "none.")

### SECTION II. RESPONDENT

(This section is about the person you want to be protected from. It must be completed.)

1. Respondent resides at the following address: *{provide last known street address, city, state, and zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Respondent's last known place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment address: \_\_\_\_\_

Working hours of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Physical description of Respondent:  
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distinguishing marks and/or scars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle: (make/model) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other names Respondent goes by (*aliases or nicknames*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Respondent's attorney's name, address, and telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you do not know whether Respondent has an attorney, write "unknown." If Respondent does not have an attorney, write "none.")

**SECTION III. CASE HISTORY AND REASON FOR SEEKING PETITION** (This section must be completed.)

1. Has Petitioner ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against stalking against Respondent in this or any other court?  
 \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, what happened in that case? *{Include case number, if known}* \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Has Respondent ever received or tried to get an injunction for protection against stalking against Petitioner in this or any other court?  
 \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, what happened in that case? *{Include case number, if known}* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe any other court case that is either going on now or that happened in the past **between Petitioner and Respondent** *{Include case number, if known}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Petitioner is a victim of stalking because Respondent has: *{please mark all sections that apply}*
- a. \_\_\_\_ Committed stalking;
  - b. \_\_\_\_ Previously threatened, harassed, stalked, cyberstalked, or physically abused the Petitioner;
  - c. \_\_\_\_ Threatened to harm Petitioner or family members or individuals closely associated with Petitioner;
  - d. \_\_\_\_ Intentionally injured or killed a family pet;
  - e. \_\_\_\_ Used, or threatened to use, against Petitioner any weapons such as guns or knives;
  - f. \_\_\_\_ A criminal history involving violence or the threat or violence, if known;
  - g. \_\_\_\_ Another order of protection issued against him or her previously from another jurisdiction, if known;
  - h. \_\_\_\_ Destroyed personal property, including, but not limited to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or other items belonging to Petitioner.

5. Below is a description of the specific incidents of stalking or cyberstalking: *{for cyberstalking, please include a description of all evidence of contacts and/or threats made by Respondent in voice messages, texts, emails, or other electronic communication}*

On *{dates}* \_\_\_\_\_ the following incidents of stalking occurred at the following locations: *{the locations may include, but need not be limited to, a home, school, or place of employment}*

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\_\_\_\_ Please indicate here if you are attaching additional pages to continue these facts.

6. **Additional Information**

\_\_\_\_ Respondent owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons.

Describe weapon(s) and where they may be located, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION IV. INJUNCTION** *{This section must be completed.}*

1. Petitioner asks the Court to enter a **TEMPORARY INJUNCTION** for protection against stalking that will be in place from now until the scheduled hearing in this matter, which will immediately restrain Respondent from committing any acts of stalking, and which will provide any terms the Court deems necessary for the protection of a victim of stalking, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.
2. Petitioner asks the Court to enter, after a hearing has been held on this petition, a **FINAL JUDGMENT** for protection against stalking prohibiting Respondent from committing any acts of stalking against Petitioner **and:**
  - a. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of any place Petitioner lives, or to any specified place regularly frequented by Petitioner and any named family members or individuals closely associated with Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_;
  - b. prohibiting Respondent from going to or within 500 feet of Petitioner's place(s) of employment or the school that Petitioner attends; the address of Petitioner's place(s) of employment and/or school is: \_\_\_\_\_;
  - c. prohibiting Respondent from contacting Petitioner by telephone, mail, by e-mail, in writing, through another person, or in any other manner;
  - d. ordering Respondent that he or she shall not have in his or her care, custody, possession, or control any firearm or ammunition;
  - e. prohibiting Respondent from knowingly and intentionally going to or within 100 feet of Petitioner's motor vehicle, whether or not that vehicle is occupied;
3. Petitioner asks the Court to enter any other terms it deems necessary to protect Petitioner from stalking by Respondent.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT BY FILING THIS PETITION, I AM ASKING THE COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THIS PETITION,**

THAT BOTH THE RESPONDENT AND I WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HEARING, AND THAT I MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EITHER RESPONDENT OR I FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE FINAL HEARING, WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ANY INJUNCTION OR ORDER ISSUED AT THAT HEARING.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

{Do not write your address if you are filing or have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Form 12.980(h).}

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

**IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:**

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_,

{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_,

{address} \_\_\_\_\_,

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.

{email address} \_\_\_\_\_.

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FORM 12.980(w)  
PETITION BY AFFIDAVIT FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A VIOLATION  
OF FINAL JUDGMENT OF INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST  
DOMESTIC, REPEAT, DATING, OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR STALKING  
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You may use this form if you have a valid **Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, or Sexual Violence, or Stalking**, in force which has been violated. You should use this **affidavit** to state the essential facts which establish a violation of the Final Judgment of Injunction.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

and

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

**PETITION BY AFFIDAVIT FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR A VIOLATION  
OF FINAL JUDGMENT OF INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST ( )  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ( ) REPEAT VIOLENCE ( ) DATING VIOLENCE  
( ) SEXUAL VIOLENCE ( ) STALKING**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalties  
of perjury, that I have actual knowledge of the following facts as set forth and the following statements are true:

1. The Court previously issued a {Choose **one only**}
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection Against Stalking

in this case on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection was served on Respondent on  
{date} \_\_\_\_\_.

3. On {dates} \_\_\_\_\_, at {place and address} \_\_\_\_\_

the following event(s) took place: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Court issue an Order to Show Cause, requiring Respondent to appear before the Court to show cause why Respondent should not be held in contempt of court for failure to abide by the terms and conditions of the Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection.

**I understand that by filing this affidavit, I am asking the court to hold a hearing, that both Respondent and I will be notified of the hearing, and that I must appear at the hearing. In addition to my own testimony, I understand that I can bring other proof of the violation such as, for example, people who saw Respondent violate the order, pictures, medical records, police reports, or anything might help show the judge how Respondent violated the Final Judgment of Injunction for Protection.**

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date}\_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

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[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{name of business or individual} \_\_\_\_\_

{address} \_\_\_\_\_

{city} \_\_\_\_\_, {state} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_.

{email address} \_\_\_\_\_.