

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 ) Petitioner  
 )  
vs. )  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 ) Respondent  
 )

IN THE FAMILY COURT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
**PETITION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION**  
(For Use in Family Court)  
FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent  
DOB/Race/Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name	Date of Birth	Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

SWORN to and Subscribed before me )  
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 this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_ )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
 Notary Public for South Carolina )  
 My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_ )

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

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