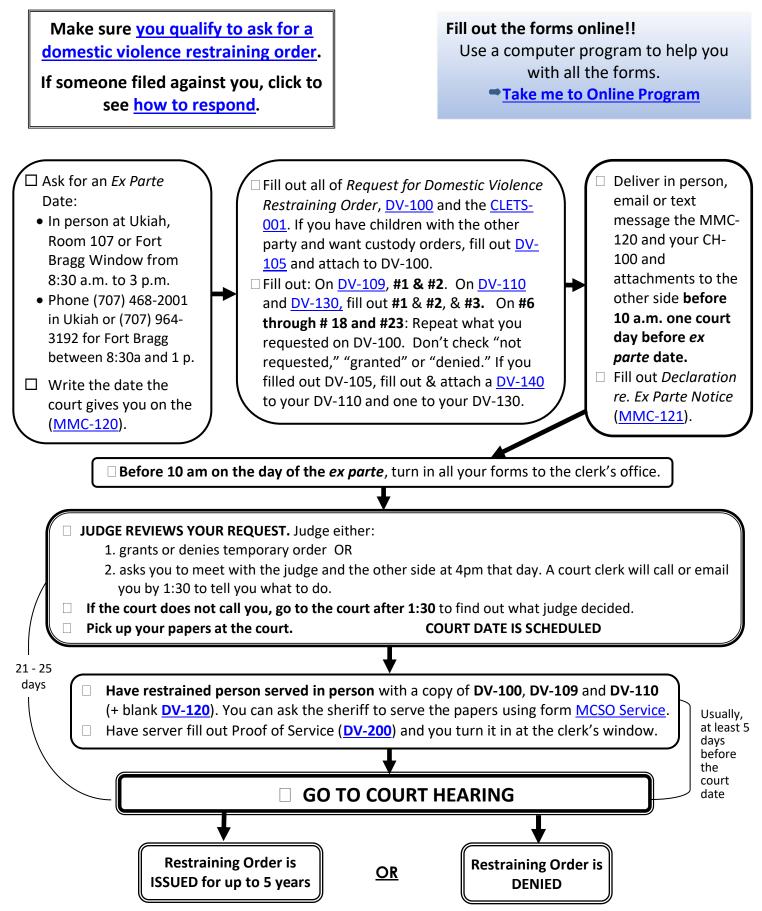
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→ For Help: Project Sanctuary (707) 462-9196 (Ukiah) or (707) 961-1507 (Fort Bragg)

➔ For more info, go to California Courts <u>Self-Help Center Guide:</u> <u>https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/DV-restraining-order</u>

Do you qualify to ask for a domestic violence restraining order?

You can ask for a domestic violence restraining order when the person abusing you is or was:

• your **intimate partner** (dating or dated, living or lived together, have a child together)

or

- a close relative (parent, child, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, in-law)
- → If the person abusing you doesn't fit this description and you need protection, you may need a <u>Civil Harassment Restraining Order</u> or an <u>Elder Abuse Restraining Order</u>. The process is similar, but with different forms.
- → Choose <u>Restraining Orders-Help Me Choose the Correct Interview</u> to see which type of restraining order you may ask for.

For the Person Responding

If someone has asked for a restraining order against you, you can oppose the request by responding to the court, in writing.

Fill out the forms online!! Use a computer program to help you. ➡<u>Take me to Online</u> <u>Program</u>

- File your response by 10 a.m. the day the judge will consider the *ex parte* request (date on form <u>MMC-120</u>) either in person at the clerk's filing window or by email at <u>exparte@mendocino.courts.ca.gov</u>. Use form <u>MC-030</u> or a sheet of paper to explain your side. Write your and the other side's name, & case number if you have one.
- 2. Read the information on the Judge reviewing the request on page 1. It applies to you too.
- 3. After the judge's decision, the other side will have to serve you, in person, papers by a deadline (usually, at least 5 days before the court date).
- 4. You can respond, before the court date, using <u>DV-120</u>. If you do, have someone 18 or older not you serve a copy on the person asking for the order. Your server then fills out a Proof of Service (<u>DV-200</u> if serving by person or <u>DV-250</u> if serving by mail).
- 5. Go to court on the date written on the DV-109 that you were served.