

**DV-530-INFO****How to Enforce Your Restraining Order****Get copies.**

Get copies of your restraining order and *Proof of Service* from the court clerk:

- Always keep a copy with you. You may need to show it to the police.
- Keep another copy in a safe place.
- Give a copy to anyone else protected by the order.
- Take copies to places where you and the other protected people go (e.g. school, work, daycare, etc.).
- Give a copy to the security officers in your apartment building and workplace.
- Staple the restraining order (DV-110 or DV-130) to the *Proof of Service*.

**When should I call the police?**

If any violations of the restraining order occur, call the police *right away*. Also:

- Write down what happened, when, where, and the names of any witnesses.
- Get copies of police reports.
- If you are hurt, get copies of medical reports.

Even if you haven't served the orders yet, call the police. Show the police a copy of your orders. If the restrained person is there, ask the officer to serve the orders. If the officer serves the orders, he or she will send the *Proof of Service* to the court and CLETS for you. CLETS is a statewide computer system that lets police know about your order.



If you're in danger call 911. If you call 911 from your cell phone, you will reach the California Highway Patrol. Ask your local law enforcement if there is a local number you should call from your cell phone instead of 911.

**What can the police do?**

It is a crime to disobey the judge's orders. The restrained person can be arrested or go to jail.

Ask your local district attorney (D.A.) how he or she will handle your case. The D.A. may file criminal or contempt charges. You can always call the D.A. for information about a criminal case. You can also file a civil contempt action. Ask the court clerk for forms.

**Guns**

The restrained person cannot

- own
- have
- buy or try to buy



a gun or firearm while the restraining order is in effect. If the person does any of these things, he or she can go to jail and be ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000. For more information, read form DV-810-INFO, *How do I Turn in or Sell My Firearms?*

A law enforcement officer can give you information about any firearms the restrained person has registered, transferred, or sold. (Penal Code section 11106). Tell law enforcement if you have any information about any guns the restrained person has or where they are located..