

# Should I Get A Restraining Order

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Restraining Orders are often referred to as “Abuse Prevention Orders” in the Courts and are effective tools that can be used to provide a level of protection to someone who is in fear of imminent danger of physical harm from a family member or intimate partner. When a Restraining Order is issued against someone, that person must abide by the rules set forth in the Order or possibly suffer criminal consequences to their actions. In order to obtain a Abuse Prevention Order, you must go to either your local Probate and Family Court or District Court and complete an application and an affidavit and attend at least one hearing. If you are in an abusive relationship, the Restraining Order is an important tool in obtaining your safety. There are certain circumstances where you may be able to obtain an Restraining Order on behalf of a third party such as your children.

Restraining Orders can prohibit a Defendant from being within a certain number of feet from a victim, prohibit access to places like schools or employment, prohibit any contact via third parties, and, at times, even prohibit contact with the parties’ children. It is important to consider all the issues as well as the pros and cons prior to seeking a Restraining Order.

If you or someone you know is in need of legal assistance call us today at (508) 880-6677 for a consultation with an experienced Restraining Order attorney.

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