

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

HELP FOR PEOPLE FILING A PROTECTION ORDER

If you are a victim of violence, abuse, or harassment and believe you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.
For help locating emergency services in your area, call 2-1-1.

SEXUAL ASSAULT/HARASSMENT HELP

Sexual Assault & Harassment Statewide 27/7 Hotline
1-800-871-7741
mecasa.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

Domestic Violence Statewide 27/7 Hotline
1-800-834-HELP
mcedv.org

More Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Help

Tribal Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence 27/7 Hotline Numbers

Wabanaki Women's Coalition

Micmac Advocacy Center • (207) 551-3639 Maliseet Advocacy Center • (207) 532-6401

Indian Township Passamaquoddy Advocacy Center • (207) 214-1917

Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations Advocacy Center • 1-877-853-2613

Penobscot Nation Advocacy Center • (207) 631-4886

How can an advocate help me?

An advocate is a trained person who can help a victim of violence, abuse, or harassment to:

- Give you information about protection orders and help you understand what happens in court;
- Help you file court paperwork and find legal help;
- Go with you to your hearing and give you support and information;
- Help you with other services like housing, counseling, support groups, and mental health help;
- Help make sure you are safe; and
- Provide information on how to file for a protection order if you are under 18.

LEGAL HELP

Maine State Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service
1-800-860-1460 or www.mainebar.org/page/AttorneyRequest
(30-minute consultation with a lawyer for \$25 administrative fee)

Legal Services for the Elderly
1-800-750-5353 or www.mainelse.org

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the court process to get a protection order, please review [A Guide to Protection from Abuse and Harassment Cases](#) or scan the QR code on the right.



To learn more about how to file for a protection order **by email**, please visit the [Maine Judicial Branch website](#) or scan the QR code on the right.



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Plaintiff

DISTRICT COURT

Location (Town): _____

Docket No.: _____

☐ individually **and** on behalf of:

☐ on behalf of:

V.

Defendant

☐ on behalf of:

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO EXTEND ORDER FOR PROTECTION

☐ **With request for modification of extended order**

19-A M.R.S. § 4111, 5 M.R.S. § 4655(2)

PLEASE NOTE: You must file form PA-027 if you are filing this electronically. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the Motion.

1. I obtained an Order for Protection against the defendant from this court.

☐ That Order has not expired and will expire on (mm/dd/yyyy) _____.

or

☐ The Order expired on (mm/dd/yyyy) _____. I did not file this motion before the Order for Protection expired because:

(If your motion is filed after the Order of Protection expired, the court may extend your order only if the court finds that there was good cause for filing the motion after the order's expiration and that the motion was filed within a reasonable amount of time.)

2. I believe that an extension of the Order for Protection is necessary to protect me and/or my minor child(ren) for the following reasons:

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THEREFORE, I ask the court to:

(a) Extend my Order for Protection against the defendant for (*length of extension requested*):

_____.

(b) ☐ I also request that my extended Order for Protection be changed or modified as follows:

(c) If a hearing on this motion cannot be held before the Order for Protection expires, I ask the court to continue the Order in effect until the hearing on this motion to extend.

☐ I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that these statements are made for use as evidence in court and that I am subject to prosecution for perjury punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.00 if I give false information to the court.

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____



Signature of Plaintiff

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not filing this motion electronically, you must have a clerk or notary sign below. If you are filing this complaint electronically, you may file it without notarization as long as you checked off the above certification and signed this document.

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY _____

Personally appeared the above named, _____, and made oath that the foregoing statements are true under penalty of perjury.

Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*): _____



☐ Clerk ☐ Notary Public ☐ Attorney

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The parties are notified that the hearing in this matter is set for (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
at _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM at the court located at: _____.

IMPORTANT WARNING: If you fail to appear at court at the above stated time, or at any time the court notifies you to do so, the court may extend the Order for Protection in your absence. The court may grant any or all the relief requested by the plaintiff. A violation of a protection order may constitute a Class D crime or contempt of court. If you intend to oppose this motion to extend, do not fail to appear at the required time. You may obtain a booklet of information about protection from abuse/harassment cases from the court or on the court's website.

EX PARTE ORDER EXTENDING ORDER FOR PROTECTION

- ☐ Plaintiff filed the motion to extend **before** expiration of the underlying Order for Protection.
- ☐ The hearing on the motion to extend is scheduled **after the expiration** of the underlying Order for Protection. The court hereby extends the Order for Protection until the hearing on the motion to extend; or
- ☐ The hearing on the motion to extend is scheduled **before the expiration** of the underlying Order for Protection. If the court reschedules the hearing to a date after the expiration of the Order for Protection, the Order will automatically be extended until the hearing on the motion to extend.

OR

- ☐ Plaintiff filed the motion to extend **after** expiration of the underlying Order for Protection.
- ☐ The court hereby reinstates the expired Order for Protection until a hearing on the motion to extend because the Court finds, pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 4111(1-A), that: (1) the plaintiff has shown good cause for filing the motion to extend after expiration of the Order for Protection, and (2) the motion to extend was filed within a reasonable amount of time based upon the underlying circumstances; or
- ☐ The court does **not** reinstate the expired Order for Protection because the plaintiff has not shown that the requirements of 19-A M.R.S. § 4111(1-A) have been met.

Please note that if the Order for Protection is reinstated or extended until the hearing on the motion to extend, violation of the Order may be a Class D crime only if the defendant has prior actual notice of the extension.

Copies of this Order shall be furnished by the clerk to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the location of the plaintiff's residence.

It is ORDERED that a copy of this Order be served on the defendant by: _____
(law enforcement agency)

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Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____



Judge, District Court

RETURN OF SERVICE

On (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ at _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM, I made service of the Motion to Extend Order for Protection/Order of Extension by delivering a copy in hand to the defendant at:

Defendant's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____



Authorized Officer signature

Authorized Officer printed name

Law Enforcement Agency

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PROTECTION ORDER SERVICE INFORMATION

DEFENDANT

Defendant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Apartment number and/or floor: _____

Color of house or other description: _____

If living with another person, other person's name: _____

Telephone: home/work/cell: _____

Hours defendant will most likely be at home: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Schedule: ☐ Mon ☐ Tues ☐ Wed ☐ Thurs ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun

Hours Worked: _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM to _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (If known)

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) or approximate age: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Hair Color: _____

Eye Color: _____

Gender: _____

Race: ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Other

VEHICLE (If known)

Make and Year (yyyy): _____

Type/Model: _____

Color: _____

Registration No. and State: _____

If you are unable to provide the above information, please list below the name, address, and telephone number of anyone who can help the serving officer locate the defendant:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Does the defendant own a firearm or other weapon? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If the defendant owns a firearm or other weapon, answer the following questions:

Describe the weapon(s): _____

Where is/are the weapon(s) usually kept? Include the address where the weapon(s) are usually kept and describe the location of the weapon(s) (i.e., under the bed), if known: _____

Does the defendant have a history of violence? _____

Is there anything else the serving officer should know about the defendant? _____

Is the defendant on probation? ☐ No ☐ I do not know ☐ Yes; name of Probation officer (if known): _____

PLAINTIFF

Plaintiff's Name: _____

Address (unless confidential): _____

Telephone: home/work/cell (unless confidential): _____

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AFFIDAVIT OF CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS

19-A M.R.S. § 4112(1), 5 M.R.S. § 4656

PLEASE NOTE: When your contact information is confidential, the court cannot give your information to an advocate from a domestic violence or sexual assault community agency to call you. An advocate can help you find legal help, explain what happens in court, and go with you to court. If you want help from an advocate, call one of the numbers on the second page of this form.

I am the ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant in this case and I request that the court keep the following information confidential:

☐ Physical address: _____

☐ Mailing address: _____

☐ Email address: _____

Telephone number:

☐ Cell _____

☐ Home _____

☐ Work _____

☐ Other (_____): _____

I state under oath that the health, safety, or liberty of myself and/or my child(ren) would be jeopardized by disclosure of this information for the following reasons:

☐ I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that these statements are made for use as evidence in court and that I am subject to prosecution for perjury punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000 if I give false information to the court.

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Signature of ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant

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☐ Attorney at Law ☐ Notary Public ☐ Clerk

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