

# Instructions for Application to Enforce or Refuse to Enforce a Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order (RCW 26.55)

This form can be used by:

- The protected individual of a Canadian domestic violence protection order;
- The person authorized by Washington law to seek enforcement of a domestic protection order, other than the protected individual of the Canadian domestic violence protection order; or
- The person who is the restrained person in a Canadian domestic violence protection order.

This form will be filed as a public court record and will start a civil court case.

**Print Clearly! Use Black or Blue Ink only.** If you are reading these instructions in any language other than English, please understand that all court documents must be filled out in English.

#### **Top of the form** (Page 1)

Fill in your name (first, middle initial, last) as the "Petitioner." The opposing party (either the restrained person or the protected individual) in the Canadian domestic violence protection order is the "Respondent." Fill in that person's name (first, middle initial, last).

#### What Relief Are you Seeking (Question 1)

• Check the box that describes the relief you are seeking from the court.

# Identify the Parties of the Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order (Question 2)

Provide the information for each protected individual and for the restrained person that were parties of the Canadian domestic violence protection order that you are seeking enforcement or refusal of enforcement of in this action.

#### **Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order** (Question 3)

Provide the title or case name (for example: Smith v. Smith, In re of Smith), the case number or docket number the Canadian court issued for the protection order proceeding, the Canadian court, the effective date (when the court entered the order), and expiration date of the protection order.

#### Who Is Filing the Application (Question 4)

The court must know who is filing the application, and how are you associated with the Canadian domestic violence protection order.

- Check the second box if someone in your family or household needs protection.
- Check the appropriate option in the following section as to your identity.

#### **Residency** (Question 5)

Check the box that applies.

#### Age (Question 6)

The court needs to know the ages of the protected person and the restrained person of the Canadian domestic violence protection order. Check **one** box for each of the protected individuals. Check **one** of the boxes for the restrained person's age. If you are unsure of the restrained person's age, choose the option that most closely resembles how old they might be.

#### Relationship (Question 7)

The court must know the relationship between the protected individual and the restrained person. The court needs to know if the protected individual and the restrained person are "intimate partners" or "family or household members." Check the boxes that best describe the situation. If you are petitioning on behalf of a minor, the minor's relationship to the restrained person is addressed in question 4.

#### **Identification of Minors** (Question 8)

- If there are no children, check the box indicating "No Minors Involved."
- If there are children, list each child's name, age, race and sex. Fill in how that child is related to you (for example, son, stepdaughter). Fill in how that child is related to the respondent. Fill in with whom that child lives (for example: me, grandparent, respondent).
- If you have questions about safety for your children, ask for advocate resources for help in filling out this section.

#### **Court Cases** (Question 9)

This may not be the first court proceeding involving the petitioner, the respondent, the protected individual, or the minors. The court will need to know about other cases, such as divorce, parentage, criminal, or other restraining, protection, or no-contact orders so the court does not issue an order that might conflict with an order from another court.

If there are other cases or orders involving you, or the minors, and the other party, list the case title (the parties' names), the case number (if you know it), and the court (district, municipal, or superior), county, and country in the columns provided.

### Request for an Order Enforcing or Refusing to Enforce the Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order

In this section, you must tell the court what you want the court to order after the proceeding (the relief requested). The court can only grant the relief you request in the petition.

## Attach a Certified Copy of the Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order

The court needs a certified, authenticated, or exemplified copy of the Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Order.

#### Sign the Form

When you are done, put today's date in the date line and fill in the city where you are completing this form. Sign the form.

If the Canadian domestic violence protection order states that your residential address is confidential, you have a right to keep it confidential for this proceeding. If you want to keep your address confidential, you must list an address that is not your residential address where you agree to accept legal documents.

#### **Go to Court**

Bring your completed petition to the clerk's office of the local court. The Clerk's Office will provide further instructions.