



## **Harassment Restraining Order**

### **What is this?**

Legally prohibits someone from threatening to harm you OR from repeatedly committing acts which harass or intimidate you and which serve no legitimate purpose

-This includes persistent acts, such as unwelcome phone calls, coming on to your property, following you, or appearing at your work site for no legitimate reason.

### **Who to contact?**

If the above criteria pertains to you, a legal advocate from Golden House can help you file.

### **How much does it cost?**

Brown County Clerk of Courts charges a fee to file. There is also a fee to serve the papers to the person harassing you. Both fees can be waived if you have a low income.

## **Domestic Abuse Restraining Order**

### **Who can file?**

An adult who is related to, lives with, has lived with, or has a child in common with someone who physically abuses you.

Examples of abuse: slapping, pushing, striking, and/or sexual abuse.

An adult who is related to, lives with, has lived with, or has a child in common with someone who threatens you with physical harm.

### **What does it do?**

Legally prohibits the abusive party from having any contact with you. They cannot come to your home, workplace, or any place temporarily occupied by you, contact you by phone, mail, or through a third party.

### **How long does it last?**

A domestic abuse restraining order can be granted for up to four years.

### **What does the process cost?**

No cost to you!



### **Is a “No Contact Provision” the same as a Domestic Abuse Restraining Order?**

NO-A “No Contact Provision” is in effect until the final hearing or until the victim goes to court and asks the judge to lift it.

### **What is the procedure?**

It is a two-step process that a legal advocate from Golden House can assist you with all or part of it.

#### **Step 1: Obtaining the temporary restraining order**

Obtain a form from Golden House, Clerk of Courts Office in Brown County, or any courthouse. Complete the forms describing the abuse or threats of abuse.

Take the completed forms to the courthouse to be read and signed by a court commissioner.

The Sheriff’s department will deliver a copy of the temporary restraining order (with your description) and the notice of hearing to the person who is abusing you.

You are also given a copy of the forms.

#### **Step 2: Injunction**

Within 14 days after filing a temporary restraining order, you will need to attend a hearing at the courthouse.

A legal advocate from Golden House can assist you if you wish.

You may need to describe the abuse or threats of abuse that you experienced in the hearing.

The abuser may also be at the injunction hearing.

### **Our Mission**

The mission of Golden House is to provide a dignified sanctuary, supportive intervention, and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence within Brown County and the surrounding region. As a nonprofit agency, Golden House strives to eliminate domestic violence from our community by:

- Working cooperatively with other agencies and community resources.
- Providing shelter, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, support groups, information, and referral services.
- Educating our community regarding the prevalence, effects, and prevention of domestic violence.