



HM Courts & Tribunals Service

Guidance on how to apply for a domestic violence (Family Law Act) injunction for unrepresented applicants

Guidance on how a domestic violence injunction can help you is available at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-violence-injunctions-under-the-family-law-act-how-can-it-help-me-fl700>

Please also read this information sheet which explains the arrangements in place during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The application form to apply for a Family Law Act injunction can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-fl401-application-for-a-non-molestation-order-occupation-order>

You will also need to provide a witness statement. There is no standard form for this. You should explain what has happened between you and the respondent and what orders you want the court to make. If you are asking the court to make an order without notice to the respondent you must say why. Your statement must include a statement of truth:

‘I believe the facts statement in this application are true’

You should then print your full name and the date.

If you don't want the respondent to know your contact details you must also complete form C8 and make sure you don't reveal any of these details on the application form or in your witness statement.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-c8-confidential-contact-details-family-procedure-rules-2010-rule-291>

Even if you don't want the respondent to know your contact details it is important that the court has telephone numbers and email addresses for you and the respondent so that the court can set up a telephone hearing, Skype hearing or video hearing. The Judge will decide what is appropriate and court staff will send you and the other party details of how to join the hearing.

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There is no fee for an injunction application.

What to do next

Please check whether your local family court is open. Details are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/priority-courts-to-make-sure-justice-is-served>

If your local court is currently suspended contact the nearest open or staffed court. Details can be found on court finder by entering your post code.

<https://courtribunalfinder.service.gov.uk/search/>

Then email your application to the court. Email addresses can be found on court finder.

Please use the email address provided for family queries. Mark your application as urgent.

What happens next

The court will contact you about the arrangements for hearing your application. This will usually be email if you have an email address.

Most injunction hearings will take place by telephone. The court staff will arrange a telephone conference and notify you and the respondent unless the hearing is without notice to the respondent.

In some circumstances the Judge may make an order on paper without a hearing. If you are unable to make a telephone call, for example because the respondent is in the same property, please include this information in your email to the court.

The court will also arrange for the injunction application and any order made to be delivered to the respondent. The Judge will say how this should happen. Once the respondent has received the order the court will provide a copy to the local police force.

What to do if you cannot access forms on line

You can telephone the court and ask for forms to be sent to you.

Support available.

Finding Legal Options for Women Survivors is a legal support service which can provide expert advice and have an on line form you can complete. This service is currently only available to women in England.

<https://www.flows.org.uk/>

Phone: 0203 745 7707

Email: flows@rcjadvice.org.uk

Details of other support services can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-domestic-abuse>

If you are immediate danger you should always call 999.