



## **No Contact Order**

### **Nature of proceeding**

Criminal, in context of pending criminal action.

### **Who may obtain an order?**

Any Victim of a Domestic Violence related crime that has been reported to the police. Criminal charges must be pending. Judge must consider issuance pending release of defendant from jail, at time of arraignment, or at sentencing.

### **Jurisdiction**

District, Municipal, or Superior Court.

### **Cost to petitioner**

None.

### **How does the respondent receive notice?**

Verbal and written notice given at bail hearing, arraignment, or sentencing.

### **Respondent Consequences if order is knowingly violated**

Mandatory arrest. Release pending trial may be revoked. Additional criminal or contempt charges may be filed. Class C felony if assault or reckless endangerment, otherwise Gross Misdemeanor.

### **Maximum duration of order**

Until trial and sentencing are concluded. Post-sentencing provision lasts for possible maximum of sentence in Superior Court or two years in District or Municipal court.