



Permanent Anti-Harassment Order

Nature of Proceeding

Civil, under [RCW 10.14](#)

Who may obtain order?

Petitioner who has been seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed by conduct of another person which serves no legitimate or lawful purpose. Parties generally are not married, have not lived together, and have no children in common.

Jurisdiction

District Court. limited provisions for referring cases to Superior Court. Municipal, district, or Superior for enforcement.

Cost to petitioner

Reduced filing fee waived if indigent. Service fee waived if indigent. Court provides forms.

How does the respondent receive notice?

Notice served on respondent.

Respondent Consequences if order is knowingly violated

Gross Misdemeanor. Possible criminal charges or contempt.

Maximum duration of order

- PAHO--1 year or permanent.
- EAHO--14 days.

Adapted from the Domestic Violence Manual For Judges, Volume 1 - Criminal, 1992. The Criminal Domestic Violence Manual Subcommittee, prepared by the Office of the Administrator for the courts for the State of Washington, Olympia, WA, updated 1998.

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- [Washington State Court Domestic Violence resources](#)