

Violence Against Women Act Rights and Options

Protective Measures

You have the right to seek orders of protection, “no-contact” orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court or by Oregon State University. The university complies with Oregon law in recognizing orders of protection and restraining orders and will assist university students and employees who obtain one from any U.S. state with information and safety planning when requested.

Individuals with protection or restraining orders should provide a copy to university security/law enforcement and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access. If desired, university security/law enforcement can help develop a safety plan to reduce risks of harm while on or coming and going from campus. Employees who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence may be eligible to take intermittent or continuous leave in order to secure restraining orders, attend court, or the like.

The following describes available types of orders, which are all free of charge, and how to obtain each one.

Mutual No Contact Directive for Students Only (**Not Enforceable by Law Enforcement**)

- **Description:** A university issued directive that describes the set of expectations given between two or more student parties to not contact or communicate with each other, including directly, through third parties, or online. No Contact Directives are usually reciprocal (mutual) and generally cannot be lifted without the express consent of all named parties. Certain OSU administrators are authorized to issue Mutual No Contact Directives that prohibit contact between students who have made allegations against one another, or when a student is the recipient of threats or persistent unwanted or harassing contact. This directive is outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and EOA information and is designed as a protective measure to mitigate potential problematic interactions in the future. This directive applies to both on- and off-campus contact and expires when the students graduate or leave campus.
- **Office to Contact:**
 - Student Conduct and Community Standards, 340 Student Experience Center, Corvallis campus, 541-737-3656
 - The Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, 330 Snell Hall, Corvallis campus, 541-737-3556
- **Filing Instructions:** A student considering a Mutual No Contact Directive may discuss the situation with a staff member of Student Conduct and Community Standards or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access. The Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Education and student housing professional staff can assist with filing a request for a Mutual No Contact Directive.
- **Enforcement:** To enforce a Mutual No Contact Directive, an individual should report any violations to Student Conduct and Community Standards. Violations of No Contact Directives issued by Oregon State University are not criminal offenses and are not enforceable by law enforcement officers. Oregon State University will normally honor requests for Mutual No Contact Directives and may resolve violations of university-issued No Contact Directives through issuing warnings, engaging in educational conversations, or initiating a student conduct process.

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Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) Restraining Order

- **Description:** A Restraining Order is a court order to protect the petitioner's physical safety. It can tell the other person (the "respondent") to move and specify locations where the respondent cannot go. The petition for a Restraining Order includes other things the petitioner can ask for, if they believe it will help them stay safe.
- **Office to Contact:**
 - Corvallis Campus: Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th St., Corvallis, OR, (541) 766-6815
 - OSU-Cascades: Deschutes County Circuit Courthouse, 1100 NW Bond St, Bend, OR, (541) 388-5300
 - Hatfield Marine Science Center: Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St., Newport, OR, (541) 265-4236
 - OSU Portland Center: Multnomah County Courthouse, 1200 SW 1st Ave, Portland, OR, (971) 274-0500
 - OSU at Eastern Oregon University: Union County Circuit Courthouse, 1105 K Ave., La Grande, OR, (541) 962-9500
- **General Information:**
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/restraining.aspx>
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/forms/Documents/FAPA-APPLY-PACKET-Statewide.pdf>
- **Filing Instructions:** The applications should be filed at the circuit court courthouse in the county where either the petitioner or the respondent lives. The Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Education, local victim assistance programs, and other advocacy groups, such as Saving Grace, can help file the application. To review the requirements for a Restraining Order, review the application packet (see above link).
- **Enforcement:** To enforce a Restraining Order, law enforcement should be contacted. A law enforcement officer must arrest the respondent if the officer believes they violated the order.

Center for Advocacy, Prevention & Education

Call 541-737-2030 for safe, confidential support and resources

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Sexual Abuse Protective Order

- **Description:** A Sexual Abuse Protective Order (SAPO) is available in certain cases where a person was subjected to unwanted sexual abuse by another person who is not a family member or intimate partner. A SAPO is a court order that tells the respondent to leave the petitioner, petitioner's children, and petitioner's family alone. It can order the respondent not to enter a reasonable area around the petitioner's residence. The petitioner can ask the judge to add other conditions (listed in the protective order) that they believe will help them stay safe.
- **Office to Contact:**
 - Corvallis Campus: Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th St., Corvallis, OR, (541) 766-6815
 - OSU-Cascades: Deschutes County Circuit Courthouse, 1100 NW Bond St, Bend, OR, (541) 388-5300
 - Hatfield Marine Science Center: Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St., Newport, OR, (541) 265-4236
 - OSU Portland Center: Multnomah County Courthouse, 1200 SW 1st Ave, Portland, OR, (971) 274-0500
 - OSU at Eastern Oregon University: Union County Circuit Courthouse, 1105 K Ave., La Grande, OR, (541) 962-9500
- **General Information:**
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/sexual-abuse.aspx>
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/forms/Documents/SAPO-Obtain-Packet.pdf>
- **Filing Instructions:** The SAPO must be filed in the courthouse in the county where either the petitioner or the respondent lives. The Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Education, local victim assistance programs, and other advocacy groups, such as the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence and Call to Safety, can help file the application. To review the requirements for a Sexual Abuse Protective Order, review the application packet (see above link).
- **Enforcement:** If the respondent does not obey the SAPO, law enforcement should be called. The petitioner should not contact the respondent. The officer must arrest the respondent if there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred. The respondent can be charged with contempt of court. If the court finds the respondent to be in contempt, the respondent can be fined, placed on probation, or put in jail.



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Stalking Protective Order

- **Description:** A Stalking Protective Order is a court order that tells a person who has made unwanted contact with you or a member of your immediate family or household to stop this behavior.
- **Office to Contact:**
 - Corvallis Campus: Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th St., Corvallis, OR, (541) 766-6815
 - OSU-Cascades: Deschutes County Circuit Courthouse, 1100 NW Bond St, Bend, OR, (541) 388-5300
 - Hatfield Marine Science Center: Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St., Newport, OR, (541) 265-4236
 - OSU Portland Center: Multnomah County Courthouse, 1200 SW 1st Ave, Portland, OR, (971) 274-0500
 - OSU at Eastern Oregon University: Union County Circuit Courthouse, 1105 K Ave., La Grande, OR, (541) 962-9500
- **General Information:**
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/stalking.aspx>
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/forms/Documents/Stalking-PACKET.pdf>
- **Filing Instructions:** A Stalking Protective Order should be filed at the courthouse in the county where the respondent lives or where the unwanted contacts took place. The Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Education, local victim assistance programs, and other advocacy groups, such as the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence and Call to Safety, can help file the application. To review the requirements for a Stalking Protective Order, review the application packet (see above link).
- **Enforcement:** If the respondent does not obey a Stalking Protective Order, it is a crime and law enforcement should be called. Police must arrest the respondent if they have reason to believe the respondent violated the order.

Counseling and Psychological Services

Call 541-737-2131 for information about confidential counseling and therapy services

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Extreme Risk Protection Order

- **Description:** An Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) is a court order that prevents a person who is at risk of hurting another person or of committing suicide from having or getting deadly weapons, including firearms.
- **Office to Contact:**
 - Corvallis Campus: Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th St., Corvallis, OR, (541) 766-6815
 - OSU-Cascades: Deschutes County Circuit Courthouse, 1100 NW Bond St, Bend, OR, (541) 388-5300
 - Hatfield Marine Science Center: Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St., Newport, OR, (541) 265-4236
 - OSU Portland Center: Multnomah County Courthouse, 1200 SW 1st Ave, Portland, OR, (971) 274-0500
 - OSU at Eastern Oregon University: Union County Circuit Courthouse, 1105 K Ave., La Grande, OR, (541) 962-9500
- **General Information:**
 - <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/forms/Documents/ERPOPacket.pdf>
- **Filing Instructions:** An ERPO should be filed at the circuit court courthouse in the county where the respondent lives. The Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Education, local victim assistance programs, and other advocacy groups, such as the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence and Call to Safety, can help file the application. To review the requirements for an Extreme Risk Protection Order, review the application packet (see above link).
- **Enforcement:** If the respondent does not obey an Extreme Risk Protection Order, law enforcement should be called.

ASOSU Student Legal Services

Call 541-737-4165 for legal advice and representation for OSU students when they have a dispute that does not pertain to the University

University Ombuds Office

Call 541-737-4537 for information about addressing conflict and systemic concerns and accessing facilitation and mediation services



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Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act (EPPDAPA) Restraining Order

- **Description:** A Restraining Order is a court order to protect you. It can tell the other person (the “respondent”) not to contact, harass, threaten, insult, or harm you. The order can also specify locations where Respondent cannot go and order Respondent to leave your residence. The Order may include other orders to help you stay safe and prevent someone from misusing your money, property, or other assets. These forms are for orders under the Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Act (EPPDAPA).
- **Office to Contact:**
 - Corvallis Campus: Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th St., Corvallis, OR, (541) 766-6815
 - OSU-Cascades: Deschutes County Circuit Courthouse, 1100 NW Bond St, Bend, OR, (541) 388-5300
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- **General Information:**
 - <https://courts.oregon.gov/forms/Documents/EPPDAPA-ObtainingPacket.pdf>
- **Filing Instructions:** The application should be filed at the circuit court courthouse in the county where either the petitioner or the respondent lives. The Center for Advocacy, Prevention and Education, local victim assistance programs, and other advocacy groups, such as the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence and Call to Safety, can help file the application. To review the requirements for a Restraining Order, review the application packet (see above link).
- **Enforcement:** To enforce a Restraining Order, law enforcement should be contacted. A law enforcement officer must arrest the respondent if the officer believes they violated the order.

Office of Institutional Diversity Bias Response

Call 541-737-1063 for information about bias incident reporting and response