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Contact Information for Free Legal Filing Support

Sarah's Voice:

call/ text (347) 592-2124 or email legalintake@shalomtaskforce.org, available M-F,
from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

NYC Family Justice Centers:

Bronx: 718-508-1220 ☒ Brooklyn: 718-250-5111 ☒ Manhattan: 212-602-2800

Queens: 718-575-4545 ☒ Staten Island: 718-697-4300

Shalom Task Force Hotline: (718) 337-3700 ☒ (888) 883-2323 - toll free
National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-SAFE (7233) ☒ **call/text (24/7)**

We are here to help.

Seeking legal support?

If it's not safe for you to call due to COVID-19, you can email Sarah's Voice at legalintake@shalomtaskforce.org or call/text (347) 592-2124. If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911.

Sarah's Voice services are based on NYS law and are free of charge. Our email and phone/text line are confidential and protected by attorney-client privilege. Please indicate a safe way for us to respond to you, either through text, voicemail, or email, otherwise we will not know how to respond to your inquiry.

SafetyAlert: If the person causing harm becomes aware that you are seeking legal support, they may escalate their abusive behavior. Be aware that computers and phones can be monitored, often in undetectable ways.

If you are afraid that your technology might be monitored, consider accessing <https://techsafetyapp.org/> from a secure device to review tech safety steps. Note that the tech safety app does not replace individualized safety planning.



SAFETY PLANNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Call/ text for individualized safety planning and support services

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Safe Horizon Safety Planning: 800-621-HOPE (4673)

Safe Horizon Virtual Trauma Counseling: 347-328-8110 to make an appointment

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SAFETY PLANNING

What is a Safety Plan?

a safety plan is a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while in a relationship, planning to leave, or after you leave.

Take time for your well being and mental health

Protect your tech safety

Have an exit plan and exit bag

Plan with children that is age appropriate

Be creative

Text / email to reach out for help

Create an incident list

Avoid some rooms if possible

Call while abuser is sleeping or busy



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FAMILY COURT FILING



Contact Information for New Order of Protection Filings in Family Court

Email: NYFCApplications@nycourts.gov

Phone: (646) 386-5299

Contact Information for Filing Child Support Modifications

Email: NYFCSupport@nycourts.gov

Phone: (646) 386-5299

OBTAINING AN ORDER OF PROTECTION IN VIRTUAL COURT

1 - Fill Out Petition



We recommend contacting Sarah's Voice or your local Family Justice Center for support writing your family offense petition

2 - File Petition Via Email



Email your completed petition to NYFCApplications@nycourts.gov

3 - Same Day Court Contact



Stay by your phone/device to ensure that you do not miss any communications from the court

4 - Virtual Appearance



Virtual court appearances usually occur within a few hours of filing. You will have a number and PIN to enter a virtual waiting room.

5 - Service



The Temporary Order will be emailed to you. The Order of Protection does not go into effect until it is served. You can sign up with <https://oopalert.ny.gov/oopalert/> to be notified when service has been effectuated.

F.C.A. §§ 812, 818, 821

Form 8-2
(Family Offense Petition)
(1/2020)

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

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Petitioner

Docket No.

-against-

FAMILY OFFENSE
PETITION

Respondent

.....

TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner respectfully states that:

1. a. I reside at [specify address unless confidential]:¹

b. The Respondent resides at [specify address unless confidential]:

2. a. The Respondent and I are related as follows [check all applicable box(es)]:

- we are married we were married
- we have a child in common we are parent and child
- we are related by blood or marriage [specify how]:
- we are in an intimate relationship (NOT casual social or business acquaintances) [describe]:
- we were in an intimate relationship (NOT casual social or business acquaintances) [describe]:
- we live together we lived together in the past we never lived together

b. Petitioner is a duly authorized agency, association, society or institution and is filing this petition pursuant to F.C.A. §822(b).

c. I am a peace officer and am filing this petition pursuant to F.C.A. §822(c).

3. The Respondent committed the following family offense(s) against me and/or my children, which constitute(s) [Check applicable box(es)]:

- Disorderly conduct Menacing in the second or third degree
- Harassment in the first or second degree Reckless endangerment
- Aggravated harassment in the second degree Stalking
- Assault in the second or third degree Attempted assault
- Criminal mischief Sexual misconduct
- Sexual abuse in the second² or third degree Forcible touching
- Strangulation Criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation
- Identity theft in 1st, 2nd or 3rd degree Grand larceny in 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th degree
- Coercion in 2nd degree [Penal Law § 135.60 (1),(2),or (3)]
- Unlawful dissemination or publication of intimate image(s) [Penal Law §245.15]

¹ If your health or safety or that of your child or children would be put at risk by disclosure of your address or other identifying information, you may apply to the Court for an address confidentiality order by submitting General Form GF-21, which is available on-line at www.nycourts.gov. See Family Court Act §154-b.

² Where victim is incapable of consent for reason other than being under age 17 [Penal Law §130.60(1)].

[Describe each incident; starting with the most recent incident; state date, time and location of each incident; specify all injuries and if any weapons were used. Use additional sheets where necessary]:

4. I have have not filed a criminal complaint concerning these incident(s) [If so, please indicate court, county, date, charge(s) and status, if known]:

5. [Check applicable box(es)]:

a. I have no children and there are no other children living in my home.

b. The following children live with me [include children who are not yours]:
Name Date of Birth Relationship to Me Relationship to Respondent

c. The following children are mine but do not live with me.
Name Date of Birth Lives With Child's Relationship to Respondent, if any

e. The Respondent committed family offenses against the above child or children as follows [describe including name(s) of child or children, nature of offense(s) and date(s)]:³

[Check boxes and complete any of the following paragraphs 6-13 that apply to you. Skip any that do not apply to you.]

6. The Respondent has acted in a way I consider dangerous or threatening to me, my children or any member of my family, in addition to the incident(s) described in question 3, as follows [describe]:

7. The Respondent was found to have violated an Order of Protection issued on behalf of me or members of my family or household as follows [describe]:

8. The Respondent owns or has access to guns as follows [describe]:

9. a. The Respondent has a gun license or pistol permit for the following gun(s) as follows [describe]:

b. The Respondent has a gun license or permit application pending as follows [describe]:

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c. The Respondent carries a gun on his or her job as follows [describe]:

10. a. The Respondent threatened [check applicable box(es)]:

- me my child or children [specify]:
 - a member or members of my household [specify]:
- with a gun or dangerous instrument or object as follows [specify]:

b. There is a substantial risk that Respondent would use or threaten to use a firearm or dangerous instrument or object against me, my child(ren) or member of my household on the basis of the following facts and for the following reasons [describe]:

11. The following court cases are pending between me and the Respondent [specify court, county, docket or index number, nature of action and status, if known]:

12. The Respondent has the following criminal convictions [specify, including date, crime, sentence and court, if known]:

13. [Applicable where protection is sought for pet(s)]:

a. The following pets live in my house [specify name(s) and type(s)]:

b. The Respondent injured or tried or threatened to injure pets in my household as follows [describe]:

14. I have not made any previous application to any court or judge for the relief requested in this petition, (except [specify the relief, if any, granted and the date of such relief; delete if inapplicable]: _____).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests this Court to:

- a. adjudge the Respondent to have committed the family offense(s) alleged;
- b. enter an order of protection, specifying conditions of behavior to be observed by the Respondent in accordance with Section 842 of the Family Court Act;
- c. enter a finding of aggravated circumstances [delete if inapplicable];
- d. enter a temporary order of child support in accordance with Family Court Act §828(4) [delete if inapplicable];
- e. enter an order directing the parties to appear within seven business days of the filing of this petition for consideration of an order of temporary spousal support in accordance with Family Court Act §828(5); [delete if inapplicable]
- f. order such other and further relief as to the Court seems just and proper.

Dated: _____

Petitioner: (print or type name) / Signature

Petitioner's Attorney, if any (print or type name) / Signature

Address and telephone number of Attorney, if any