

Restraining Order Information

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- Paperwork for a **Civil Protection Order (restraining order)** can be obtained from the YWCA, through ACOVA or at the Judicial Building on the first floor, Room 101. Or you may get it online at www.courts.state.co.us, then click the “forms” tab and select “Protection Orders”.
- In cases of Domestic Abuse, Domestic Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault, fees may be waived. In other cases, there will likely be a filing fee and a serving fee, plus mileage. If the fees are applicable in your case and you cannot afford the filing fee, you may fill out a financial form and the Judge or Magistrate will decide if the fee will be waived. The serving fee and the mileage must be paid by the Plaintiff (person applying for the order).
- Once issued, the **TRO (Temporary Restraining Order)** will last approximately 14 days and the **PRO (Permanent Restraining Order)** court date will be set at that time.
- TROs must be served to be valid. Proof of Service is provided by the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office Civil Department.
- If a PRO is granted, it never expires.
- If temporary custody of a minor child is awarded, it will last approximately 120 days.
- Hearings are held every day at 1:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). Any restraining order that is an emergency will be heard by the Judge as soon as the paperwork is filled out.
- There is no deadline time for the paperwork to be turned in, however in some cases, if the paperwork is filed before noon, the hearing may be held that same day at 1:30 p.m. Otherwise anything turned in after 12:00 p.m., the hearing will be held the following day at 1:30 p.m.
- If there are any questions, you may contact the **court** at **583-7000**, or **ACOVA** may also be contacted at **553-2460** or **583-6434**.

Additional Information

- **MROs (Mandatory Restraining Orders)** in a criminal case are issued by the criminal court and cannot be dropped by anyone but the court.
- MROs are a condition of bond. The Defendant signs this and is served by officers at the County Jail upon release.
- Copies of this order can be obtained from the court or from the Pueblo County Jail if the person is currently in jail.
- MROs are only valid until there has been a disposition on the case, including the completion of probation (if imposed) and all conditions of that probation.
- **Be sure to keep your restraining order copies and copies of the Proof of Service available at all times, to show to Law Enforcement when there is a violation of that restraining order.**