

Interjurisdictional Service in Connecticut  
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	Ex Parte Protective Order (Temporary/Emergency)	Final Protective Order
Statute	Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 815a <a href="#">§ 46b-15</a>	
Terminology	Ex Parte Restraining Order	Order After Hearing
Length of Order	Up to 14 days <sup>1</sup> after the application is submitted.	Up to 1 year.
Available Relief	<p>Order the respondent to refrain from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the applicant</li> <li>• threatening, harassing, assaulting, molesting, sexually assaulting or attacking the applicant</li> <li>• entering the family’s or applicant’s dwelling</li> <li>• injuring or threatening to injure an animal owned/kept by the applicant</li> </ul> <p>If the parties are spouses or live together and have a child in common the court may order that the respondent refrain from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• taking any action that could terminate necessary utility services</li> <li>• taking any action that could change coverage/ beneficiary of any insurance policy</li> </ul>	<p>In addition to relief available in an ex parte order, if the parties are spouses or live together and have a child in common, the court may also order financial support for up to 120 days for the benefit of any dependent child or children in common, provided the respondent has a legal duty to support such children and the ability to pay.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Up to 7 days, if the application indicates that the respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition, and the court issues an ex parte order.

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Available Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transferring, encumbering, concealing or disposing of the applicant's owned or leased property</li> </ul> <p>The court may also order that the respondent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide the applicant with temporary possession of an automobile, checkbook, documentation or other personal effects</li> </ul> <p>The court may establish temporary child custody and visitation rights and order other relief.</p>	
Protected Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current or former spouse</li> <li>Parents or their children</li> <li>Related by blood or marriage</li> <li>Persons residing together or who have resided together</li> <li>Currently or previously in a dating relationship</li> <li>Have child in common</li> </ul>	
Requirements for Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant provides the documents to a state marshal to serve the order on the respondent. In-hand personal service is preferred.</li> <li>The state marshal will provide return of service notice to the court prior to the hearing.</li> <li>Within 2 hours of completing service the state marshal is required to enter the results of service into the Judicial Branch's Internet-based service tracking system</li> <li>The Judicial Branch pays for the cost of service</li> </ul>	
Registration Required for Enforcement	Not required.	

<a href="#">Military Jurisdictions</a>	<p>Military Bases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 103 AW</li> <li>• Naval Submarine Base New London</li> </ul> <p>Processes on Military Jurisdictions: Contact the individual military jurisdiction for service process details.</p>
<a href="#">Tribal Jurisdictions</a>	<p>Federally Recognized Tribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mashantucket Pequot Tribe</li> <li>• Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut</li> </ul> <p>State Recognized Tribes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation</li> <li>• The Golden Hill Paugussett</li> <li>• Schaghticoke Tribal Nation</li> </ul> <p>Processes on Tribal Jurisdictions: Contact the individual tribal jurisdiction for service process details.</p>
Other Information	<p>In Connecticut, there is also a <b>family violence protective order</b>, which is issued by a <b>criminal court</b> judge at arraignment after an abuser has been arrested. This is different from the civil court restraining orders (also known as relief from abuse orders).</p>

### Out of State Service Fees<sup>2</sup>:

None – the Judicial Branch pays for the cost of service, if any.

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<sup>2</sup> Courts should not charge a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault any costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of protection orders, whether issued by civil or criminal courts, including intra- and inter-jurisdictional orders. This no-cost provision also applies to any fees or costs associated with a criminal matter related to domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and sexual assault (42 U.S.C. § 3796 hh(c)(4)). Charging any of these costs will render a jurisdiction ineligible for certain VAWA funds.