

# Interjurisdictional Service in Missouri

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	Ex Parte Protective Order (Temporary/Emergency)	Final Protective Order
Statute	Missouri Revised Statutes § <a href="#">455</a>	
Terminology	Ex Parte Order of Protection	Full Order of Protection
Length of Order	Up to 15 days after respondent is served.	From 6 months to a lifetime (if renewed).
Available Relief	<p>Order the respondent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refrain from committing or threatening to commit domestic violence, molesting, stalking, sexual assault, or disturbing the peace of the petitioner</li> <li>• Refrain from abusing or threatening to abuse a pet</li> <li>• Refrain from entering the premises of the dwelling unit of petitioner, when the unit is at minimum jointly owned by the petitioner and another party</li> <li>• Refrain from communicating with the petitioner in any manner or through any medium</li> </ul> <p>The court may also establish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary custody of children</li> <li>• Temporary possession of pets, including funds to support medical care resulting from abuse</li> </ul>	<p>In addition to relief for ex parte orders of protection:</p> <p>Order the respondent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay spousal/child support</li> <li>• Pay the petitioner's rent for an alternative residence or shelter services</li> <li>• Pay court costs</li> <li>• Pay costs for petitioner's or pet's medical treatment due to abuse</li> <li>• Participate in a court-approved counseling program or substance abuse treatment program</li> <li>• Refrain from transferring, encumbering, or otherwise disposing of mutually owned or leased property</li> </ul> <p>The court may also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award custody and visitation rights for any minor child</li> <li>• Award possession and care of pets</li> <li>• Order temporary possession of personal property</li> </ul>

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Protected Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spouse/former spouse</li> <li>• Related by blood or marriage</li> <li>• Currently or formerly living together</li> <li>• Currently or formerly in a romantic or intimate relationship</li> <li>• Have child in common</li> </ul>	
Requirements for Service	<p>The courts will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process ex parte orders and corresponding petitions the same business day or as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Send the order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ By mail to the respondent's last known address.</li> <li>○ To local law enforcement agencies and/or local sheriff's offices where the petitioner and respondent reside.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Law enforcement will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter the order into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System within 24 hours, which will then send the information to the National Crime Information Center.</li> <li>• The local sheriff will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personally serve the order on the respondent at least 3 days prior to the hearing where they will leave a copy of notice, objection, and order (if issued) at the dwelling or usual place of abode with a person at least 18 years of age residing therein.</li> <li>○ Complete a return of service on the state system, including notifying the clerk's office if unable to serve the order.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>If the petitioner is registered with the victim notification system (MOVANS), they will receive a notification of service.</p>	
Registration Required for Enforcement	Not required. <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Per Section 455.067, RSMo – Foreign orders of protection may be filed with the court/registered, but registration is not required for enforcement. Registering the order will ensure the order is registered into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System.

<a href="#">Military Jurisdictions</a>	<p>Military Bases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 131 BW</li> <li>• 139 AW</li> <li>• Fort Leonard Wood</li> <li>• USAREC, Kansas City Battalion</li> <li>• Whiteman AFB</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: None</p> <p>State Recognized Tribes: None</p>
<p>Other Information</p>	<p>None</p>

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

None

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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.