

If I want *(see below) to lift a "No Contact Order" what can I do?

Victim Must:

1. The victim must have an in-person interview at New Beginnings/Association for the Prevention of Family Violence (APFV) and file a **written request** that the "no contact order" be lifted. An appointment is necessary and can be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling (262) 723-4653.
2. The victim will be given a letter from New Beginnings after completing the interview. The victim must take the letter, along with the **written request** to lift the "no contact order", to the Clerk of Courts Office. The Clerk of Courts Office is located in Room 2080 in the Walworth County Judicial Center in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. A copy of the letter and written request must also be provided to the District Attorney's Office. (New Beginnings will assist the victim with the request. All victim services are free of charge.)
3. The Court makes the final decision on whether or not to lift the "no contact order" based on the above letter. The Court will take all circumstances into consideration prior to discontinuing the "no contact order".

***The victim is not required to ask the Court to lift the "no contact order" unless the victim wants to have it lifted. No victim should feel pressured to follow this procedure. It should not be done unless the victim voluntarily chooses to do so.**

The Court makes the final decision on whether or not to lift the "no contact order" based on all submitted information. In the case of other aggravating circumstances, the Court will take these into consideration prior to discontinuing the "no contact order".

There is no guarantee that the "no contact order" will be lifted even if all of these procedures are followed. The judge makes the final decision as to whether or not the "no contact order" will be lifted. If it is lifted, it may be lifted with restrictions as to what kind of contact will be allowed.

Please see the reverse side of this form regarding additional requirements for the defendant.

Defendant Must:

1. Provide verification of counseling in **written form and file a written request** that the "no contact order" be lifted. These items are filed with the Clerk of Courts Office, Room 2080, Walworth County Judicial Center, Elkhorn, Wisconsin. A defendant can show verification of counseling by either:

- a. Completing a domestic abuse assessment.

This assessment can be scheduled by calling Carol O'Flanagan, Domestic Violence Educator, at 262-903-8503.

Upon completion of the assessment, the defendant will fill out a Control Plan which shall be filed with the Clerk of Courts Office and copied to the District Attorney's Office.

OR

- b. Seeking out counseling through a private counseling agency.

That agency must submit a written statement on agency letterhead to the Clerk of Courts, with a copy to the District Attorney's Office. The statement must include a treatment plan for ongoing counseling and verification of completed counseling.

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