

HIGHLIGHTS OF REVISIONS TO G.L. C. 209A FORMS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2012

REVISED FORMS

Complaint, Page 1: FA-1

- Section B: Removal of place for Plaintiff's Address to comply with the confidentiality of records requirements of G.L. c. 209A, § 8 (see Sec. J, 4a, 4b, 4c).
- Section C: Rewording for clarity.
- Section F: Removal of certain Personal Identifying Data (PID) for Defendant.
- Section H: Clarifying that Page 2 is completed only if Plaintiff has children under the age of 18.
- Section J:
 - Lines 3a, 3b, 3c. Separate lines have been created to request that the Defendant stay away from Plaintiff's residence, workplace and/or school.
 - Lines 4a, 4b, 4c. Removal of outdated impoundment request and replacement with requests to keep residential, workplace and school addresses confidential pursuant to G.L. c. 209A, § 8.

Complaint, Page 2: FA-1A

- Section A: Addition of care and protection and guardianship to list of related proceedings.
- Section C: Removal of DOB from child information and replacing with age.
- Section D: Addition of requests for Defendant to remain away from child(ren)'s schools and daycare (to match existing provision for this relief on Order.)
- Section E: Addition of line for "Other" under visitation requests.

Affidavit

- Additional language added to declaration to emphasize information concerning prior or pending court actions.
- Addition of signature line for a person who has transcribed the Affidavit to sign and indicate position.

Instructions to Plaintiff

- Removal of outdated impoundment request and replacement with information concerning requests to keep residential, workplace and school addresses confidential pursuant to G.L. c. 209A, § 8.

Plaintiff Confidential Information Form: FA/HA-6

- Addition of block for Plaintiff's Date of Birth.
- Addition of School to second paragraph in information section concerning requests that addresses not appear on order.

Order, Page 1: FA-2

- Section A:
 - Removal of certain Personal Identifying Data (PID) from the Defendant information section.
 - The two boxes above number 1 now follow one another (no longer side by side).
 - Line 2: Expanded to add electronic contact and to clarify exceptions to prohibition against contact.
 - Lines 3, 4a, 4b Stay away orders divided into separate check boxes (Residence, Workplace, School).
 - Lines 5a, 5b, 5c Previous line 4, Impoundment removed, checkboxes added for requests that residence, workplace and school not appear on the order.
 - Line 9 Section on child support expanded with more specifics on how payment is to be made.
 - Line 13 Check box to inform defendant that child support will be addressed at the next hearing and what financial information should be brought to court.

Order, Page 2: FA-2A

- Section B:
 - Line 1: Rewritten to clarify that alternative service is not limited to one type, space provided for judge to describe type of alternative service allowed.
 - Signature Line: Space provided for judge's name to be printed or typed.
- Sections C, D:
 - Modification and Extension sections reduced from three to two with each section having expanded space for a judge to list modifications in greater detail.
 - Signature Line: Space provided for judge's name to be printed or typed.
- Section E: Language changed from vacated to terminated (See *Guidelines for Judicial Practice: Abuse Prevention Proceedings* Guideline 1:00).

Application for Abuse Prevention Order (For Use by Police Departments After Court Hours): FA-3

- Removal of outdated impoundment request and replacement with information concerning requests to keep residential, workplace and school addresses confidential pursuant to G.L. c. 209A, § 8.

NEW FORMS

Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support of Request for a Child Support Order: FA-11

Defendant's Affidavit in Connection with Request for a Child Support Order: FA-12

- These are new forms that may be used by Plaintiffs and Defendants when child support is requested under an abuse prevention order. They are streamlined and designed to provide all of the information needed to compute child support under the Child Support Guidelines.

Plaintiff's Motion to Modify or Terminate Abuse Prevention Order: FA-13

Defendant's Motion to Modify or Terminate Abuse Prevention Order: FA-14

- These are new forms that may be used by Plaintiffs and Defendants when moving to modify or terminate an abuse prevention order. The forms provide the parties with the information they need to know and/or the steps they need to take.

Translation of Affidavit: FA/HA-15

- For use when an affidavit written in a language other than English needs to be translated.