

**DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO  
MODIFY OR TERMINATE  
ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER**

DOCKET NO. (FOR COURT USE ONLY)

**TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS**



PLAINTIFF'S NAME

DEFENDANT'S NAME

COURT DIVISION

\_\_\_\_\_, **Defendant** in the above entitled matter, respectfully moves that this court  
 modify or  terminate the abuse prevention order issued pursuant to G.L. c. 209A.

In support of this request, the **Defendant** states: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed under the penalties of perjury.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This motion must be scheduled for a hearing in court **AND** a copy of this motion and the hearing date must be mailed to the Plaintiff at least ten days before the hearing.

- The Defendant must ask the court how to schedule the hearing
- In some courts the date for the hearing is chosen by the court and the court sends notice to the Plaintiff
- In other courts the Defendant (the person filing the motion to modify or terminate) must get a date for a hearing from the court and mail the motion and notice of the date to the Plaintiff
- Please fill out the hearing information below and check the correct box

**NOTICE OF HEARING:** This motion will be heard at the \_\_\_\_\_ court located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(city/town)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(month/day/year) (time of hearing)

**CHECK ONE:**  The Defendant has obtained the date of the hearing and is mailing notice to the Plaintiff.  
 The Court has scheduled a hearing and has notified both parties by mail.

The motion is:  **ALLOWED**  **DENIED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF JUDGE  
PRINT/TYPE NAME OF JUDGE

DATE OF ORDER

TIME OF ORDER

A.M.  
 P.M.

WITNESS - FIRST OR CHIEF JUSTICE

A true copy, attest (Asst.) Clerk-Magistrate/ (Asst.) Register of Probate