

**PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
5501 SIXTH AVENUE
TACOMA, WA 98406
(253) 798-7900**

**TO: INDIVIDUALS SEEKING JUVENILE ANTI-HARASSMENT
FROM: PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
RE: REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING**

If you are seeking an Anti-Harassment Order against a juvenile, your petition must be filed in Superior Court/Juvenile Division. Before you file your petition, please read this information carefully.

When petitioning for an order, you will need to show the court that:

- 1) Your child is a victim of unlawful harassment
- 2) The youth harassing your child has been adjudicated of an offense, or
- 3) The youth is under investigation, or
- 4) The youth has been investigated for an offense against your child.
- 5) The harassment took place in Pierce County.
- 6) Completed Law Enforcement Response form must accompany petition.

Definitions: Unlawful harassment means a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, harasses, or is detrimental to such person, and which serves no legitimate or lawful purpose. This course of conduct shall be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner. **Course of conduct** means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose.

Filing your Order:

When you are prepared to file your petition, bring the following:

- ** Completed Law Enforcement Response Sheet
- ** Filing fee - \$53.00 cash or cashier's check (this is a non-refundable fee to cover the costs of filing).
- ** Must have the address of the Respondent (the youth harassing your child).

After you fill out your petition, the Clerk will then assign your petition a case number, gather background information for the court, and present your petition to a Superior Court Judge/Commissioner.

The Judge/Commissioner will review your paperwork and grant or deny your temporary order.

If the order is granted, **you** will then make arrangements to have the individual you have obtained the order against, and their parent/guardian served and supply the Court with a Return of Service. Service may be done by anyone over 18 who is not a party to the action or by law enforcement **and service must be done at least five (5) court days before your hearing date.**

You will return at the date and time specified for your hearing. If you do not appear, for any reason, your order will be denied and the case will be dismissed.

**PETITIONS MAY BE FILED MONDAY– FRIDAY
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**JUVENILE ANTI-HARASSMENT
LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE SHEET**

AGENCY RESPONDING: _____ DATE: _____

RESPONDENT: _____ Petitioner: _____

DOB: _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____ AGE: _____

INCIDENT # (S): _____

DATE OF INITIAL CONTACT: _____

OFFICER'S NAME _____ Badge #: _____

Status of investigation: UNDER INVESTIGATION
 INVESTIGATION COMPLETED

COMMENTS: _____

(COMMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE USED TO ASSIST THE JUDICIAL OFFICER ONLY)

NOTE: THIS COMPLETED FORM IS TO ACCOMPANY ANY JUVENILE ANTI-HARASSMENT PETITION FILED IN PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SERVICES AT (253) 798-7973.