



# Yurok Tribal Court

## Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) Information Sheet

### What Is a DVRO?

A Domestic Violence Restraining Order is a **court order** that helps protect people from abuse.

### What Is Abuse?

Abuse includes:

- Physical harm (hitting, punching, biting, etc.)
- Sexual assault
- Threats or fear of harm
- Harassment (in person, by phone, email, text, or social media)
- Stalking or unwanted contact
- Destroying your property

Abuse can be **physical, verbal, or written**.

### Can I Get a DVRO?

You can ask for a DVRO if:

1. Someone has abused you, **and**
2. You have a close relationship with that person, such as:
  - Married or divorced
  - Dating or used to date
  - Living together or used to live together (not just roommates)
  - Related by blood or law (parent, child, sibling, grandparent, in-law)

## What If I Don't Qualify for a DVRO?

You may be able to request a different type of protection order:

- **Civil Harassment Order** – for roommates, neighbors, co-workers
- **Elder or Vulnerable Adult Protection Order** – to request protection for a Yurok elders

Ask the **Court Clerk** or **Yurok Legal Access Center** for help or visit:

<https://yuroktribalcourt.org/>

## How Fast Can I Get a DVRO?

If your paperwork is complete, the **Judge may decide within 24 business hours** whether to issue a temporary order.

## What Can the Court Order?

The Judge can order the restrained person to:

- Stay away from you and others you live with
- Not contact you
- Move out of your home
- Give up guns and ammunition
- Follow child custody and visitation rules
- Pay child or spousal support
- Follow orders about pets, property, and debts

## How Do I Ask for a DVRO?

Start with the **DV100TC – Request for Domestic Violence Restraining Order**.

Get forms online or from the **Yurok Justice Center**.

Help is available from:

- **Yurok Legal Access Center**
- **Hey-wech-ek' Domestic Violence Advocates**

## Cost

There is **no cost** to file a DVRO.

## How Long Does the Order Last?

- **Temporary Order (TRO)** lasts until your court hearing.
- **Final Order** (after hearing) can last up to **5 years**.
- **Custody and support orders** may last until the child turns 18.

## Do I Have to Go to Court?

Yes. You must attend the hearing. If you don't go, the temporary order will expire.

## Do I Need a Lawyer?

A lawyer is helpful but **not required**.

You can also:

- Get legal information from **YLAC**
- Bring a **Domestic Violence Advocate** for support

## Do I Need Witnesses?

Not required, but helpful. You can bring:

- Written statements (under oath)
- Witnesses
- Photos
- Medical or police reports
- Damaged property
- Threatening messages (texts, emails, voicemails)

## Will I See the Restrained Person in Court?

Possibly. If they attend the hearing, they cannot speak to you. If you're afraid, tell the **Bailiff** or other **Court staff**.

## How Will They Know About the Order?

Someone **18 or older** (not you or anyone protected) must **serve** the papers in person. Ask **Yurok Tribal Police** or the **Sheriff** for help, they will serve for free.

## What If They Don't Follow the Order?

Call the **police**. They can be arrested and charged.

## Can I Bring Someone With Me to Court?

Yes. You can bring a support person, like a **Domestic Violence Advocate**. Only you, your lawyer, or a **Yurok Court Bar Advocate** or a **Spokesperson** can speak for you.

## Can I Use a DVRO to Get Divorced?

No. You must file separately for **divorce or legal separation**. Ask the **Court Clerk** or **YLAC** for help.

## Can the DVRO Protect My Children From Being Taken Away?

Yes. The Judge can order that the restrained person **cannot take your children** out of:

- Tribal lands
- Your county
- California
- The United States

## What If I Move?

Your DVRO is valid **anywhere in the U.S.**

If you move:

- Give a copy of your order to local police or sheriff
- If you want to move with your children, get permission or a court order

## DVRO Forms

This information sheet explains the purpose of each Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) form used in Yurok Tribal Court. It is designed to help the public understand which forms to use and when.

- **DV-100(TC): Request for Domestic Violence Restraining Order** – Main form to ask the court for protection.
- **DV-100(TC)-D: Declaration of Other Protected Persons** – Used when other adults are included in the request.
- **DV-101(TC): Description of Abuse** – Optional form to describe additional incidents of abuse.
- **DV-105(TC): Child Custody, Visitation, and Support Request** – Used to request custody and visitation orders.
- **DV-108(TC): Request for Order: No Travel with Children** – Used to restrict travel with children.
- **DV-109(TC): Notice of Court Hearing** – States the date and time of the court hearing.
- **DV-110(TC): Temporary Restraining Order** – Issued by the judge if protection is granted before the hearing.
- **DV-112(TC): Waiver of Hearing on Denied Request for TRO** – Used if you do not want a hearing after a TRO is denied.
- **DV-115(TC): Request to Continue Hearing for DVRO** – Used to ask for a new hearing date.
- **DV-116(TC): Order on Request to Continue Hearing DVRO** – Judge's decision on the request to continue.
- **DV-120(TC): Response to Temporary DVRO** – Form for the restrained person to respond.
- **DV-125(TC): Reissue TRO & Notice of Hearing** – Used to reissue a TRO and set a new hearing.

- **DV-130(TC): Restraining Order after Hearing** – Final order issued by the judge after the hearing.
- **DV-140(TC): Child Custody and Visitation Order** – Final custody and visitation order.
- **DV-145(TC): Order: No Travel with Children** – Final order restricting travel with children.
- **DV-150(TC): Supervised Visitation Order** – Final order for supervised visits.
- **DV-160(TC): Child Support Order - Order for Protection** – Final child support order.
- **DV-170(TC): Other Orders** – Used for additional orders not covered by other forms.
- **DV-200(TC): Proof of Service (in Person)** – Shows that the restrained person was served in person.
- **DV-210(TC): What is Proof of Service** – Explains what proof of service means.
- **DV-250(TC): Proof of Service by Mail** – Shows that documents were mailed to the restrained person.
- **DV-300(TC): Request to Terminate Protection Order** – Used to ask the court to end a protection order.
- **DV-400(TC): Order after Hearing Request to Terminate** – Judge’s decision on ending the protection order.
- **DV-500(TC): Can a Domestic Violence Restraining Order Help Me** – Information about DVROs.
- **DV-505(TC): Forms You Need for Temporary Restraining Order** – Checklist of required forms.
- **DV-510(TC): Filled out Forms What Now** – Instructions after completing forms.
- **DV-520(TC): Get Ready for Hearing** – Tips to prepare for your court hearing.
- **DV-530(TC): How to Enforce Order** – Explains how to enforce a DVRO.
- **DV-540(TC): For Restrained Person** – Information for the person being restrained.
- **DV-600(TC): Order to Register Protective/Restraining Order** – Used to register the order.
- **DV-700(TC): Request to Renew Restraining Order** – Used to ask for an extension of the DVRO.
- **DV-710(TC): Notice of Hearing to Renew RO** – Sets the hearing date for renewal.
- **DV-720(TC): INFO How Do I Ask the Court to Renew My RO?** – Instructions for renewing a DVRO.
- **DV-730(TC): Order to Renew DVRO** – Final order renewing the DVRO.
- **DV-800(TC): Proof of Firearms Turned in or Sold** – Shows compliance with firearm surrender.
- **PO-305: Request to Modify Order** – Used to ask the court to change an existing order.
- **PO-310: Response to Modify Order** – Response to a request to modify an order.