



**SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA
TRIBAL COURT**

**Instructions for
Protective Order**

Court Address
P.O. Box 992, Smith River, CA 95567

Court telephone no.
(707) 487-6425

- 1. Take your forms to the court clerk.** The clerk will give your forms to the judge. The judge will look at them and decide whether to make the order. Sometimes the judge will want to talk to you. If so, the clerk will tell you.
- 2. Find out if the judge made the temporary restraining order.** Ask the clerk when to come back to see if the judge signed the order. The judge must decide by the next business day. Check to see if the judge made any changes.
- 3. “File” the judge’s order.** If the judge signs the order, the clerk will “file it”. The clerk will keep the original for the court and give you “filed” copies. If you need more, make them yourself.

What to do with your copies:

- Keep 1 copy with you, always. You may need to show it to the police.
 - Keep another copy in a safe place.
 - Give a copy to anyone else protected by the order.
 - Take copies to places where the restrained person is ordered not to go (school, work, daycare, etc.)
 - Give a copy to the security officers in your apartment building and workplace.
- 4. Know your hearing date.**
 - Look at the form for the date and time of your hearing.
 - You must go to your hearing to get a permanent order.
 - The order you have now only last for about 3 weeks.