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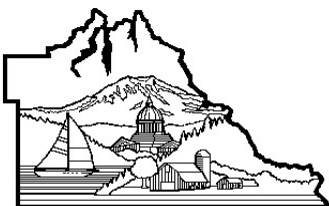
HOW TO GET EMERGENCY (EX PARTE) ORDERS

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✓ *Restraining Order*
✓ *Custody of a Child*
✓ *Use of Certain Property*

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CHECKLIST

- ✓ You have a pending Dissolution of Marriage, Legal Separation, or Invalidity action in this Court; or
- ✓ You are filing simultaneously with this Motion for Emergency relief a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, Legal Separation, or Invalidity Action; or
- ✓ You are filing for Modification of Parenting Plan

AND

An emergency exists and you need immediate protection from the courts. Also...

- ✓ You want immediate temporary custody of a child;
- ✓ You want to prevent your spouse from taking the child out of your care or from school without your permission;
- ✓ You want to prevent your spouse from leaving the area with the child;
- ✓ You want the right to contact your child and your spouse is not allowing you to do so;
- ✓ You want to prevent your spouse from harming you or a child;
- ✓ You need to be able to use certain property, i.e., a vehicle or a home;
- ✓ You need to get the other person out of your home until you can resolve the issues at hand;
- ✓ You need to prevent your spouse from selling property or incurring debts that you may be responsible for;
- ✓ You want to prevent your spouse from canceling health, life, or automobile insurance policies until you can resolve all issues.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.