

IN THE Your Local COUNTY AND FAMILY COURT

Case No. XXXX

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER PART IV OF THE FAMILY LAW ACT 1996

BETWEEN :-

Your Name

Applicant

-and-

The Respondent's Name

Respondent

**FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF
YOUR NAME**

1. I, Your Name, employed as a _____, live at Your Address.
2. The Respondent, Their Name, and I are associated persons within Section 62(3) of the Family Law Act 1996 because we are/were married/in a civil partnership; or we lived together; or we were engaged within the last 3 years; or we are related; or we are party to the same family law proceedings; or we are/were in an intimate relationship of significant duration; or we have a child/children together.
3. I am making this Witness Statement in support of my application to this Honourable Court, made without notice to the Respondent for a non-molestation order.

4. I was born on _____ and am _____ years of age. I have _____ give details of any disabilities
5. The Respondent, _____ their occupation _____, was born on _____, is _____ years of age and currently lives at _____. The Respondent is _____ give a physical description: their height, build, skin colour, hair, facial hair, tattoos, piercings, distinctive marks, accent.
6. I have _____ number of children by the Respondent, namely: give child(ren)'s name and date of birth. The children live at _____ child(ren)'s address _____. Give details of any disabilities of the child(ren).
7. The Respondent has lived with me at address between _____ date from _____ and _____ date to _____. The property is a _____ house/terrace/bungalow/flat/maisonette which is owned outright/by mortgage/rented/part buy-let. The tenancy is in _____ joint/sole names. There are _____ bedrooms. Our landlord/mortgagee is _____ full name _____. Other people living at the address are: give names and if children their dates of birth and relationship to you
8. I first met the Respondent on _____ date you met _____. We were in a relationship from _____ to _____.
9. My relationship with the Respondent was In the following paragraphs detail incidents of violence in chronological order, making the most serious incident prominent:
- When did the incident(s) happen?
 - Where did the incident(s) happen?
 - What happened – what was said, were you injured, how did you feel, what happened next?
 - Who was involved – were there any witnesses, did you contact the police or children's services, did you visit your GP?

Provide full details of any agencies involved

- Police – include crime reference number, whether the Respondent was charged, whether the case went to trial, whether the perpetrator was imprisoned or if no action was taken why not?
- Medical help – include name of hospital/GP/surgery, detail what treatment was provided, whether the medical staff know about the incident.
- Children’s Services – social worker’s name, any investigations or reports, any action taken

10. Conduct of myself and the Respondent

The Respondent’s conduct is set out in my sworn statement. It is because of the actions of the Respondent that I seek the protection of the Non-Molestation Order. I now simply want to get on with my life and protect my children from the Respondent’s violence and controlling behaviour. I wish to live happily in the safety of my own home with my children. I have never been abusive or threatening towards the Respondent.

11. I am making this application without notice under section 45(2)(a) of the Family Law Act because I believe that I will be at risk of significant harm if the Respondent is not ordered to stop immediately because of the recent threatening incident of violence. If this application was made with notice and the Respondent was served with the application, I believe he/she may cause me physical harm. The Respondent has been violent and aggressive and I am in imminent danger. The evidence of the harm I have already suffered is set out in my witness statement and I truly believe that unless he/she is ordered by the court to stop acting in such a way the Respondent will continue to cause me significant harm.

Date 5th August 2016.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: