

# Restraining Order Process

1. **Emergency Restraining Order (aka 209A) is granted. Can be either:**
  - a. By a judge in court during regular court business hours; or
  - b. If after court hours or over weekend, over the phone by a judge
    - i. Plaintiff (person requesting the 209A) must appear in court on the next business day for it to be extended beyond 24 hours

The emergency order is good for up to 10 days or until the date on which a hearing is scheduled where both the Plaintiff and Defendant may appear before the judge to state their cases.

2. **The police serve a copy of the order to the Defendant**
  - a. If the Defendant is not served, the hearing will be rescheduled until service is made
3. **Plaintiff and Defendant must both appear in court for a hearing to extend or dismiss the order**
  - a. If the Plaintiff does not show, the order is automatically dropped. If the Defendant does not show, the order may be extended, or the hearing may be rescheduled.
4. **The Restraining Order (209A) order may be continued for up to one year**

