



What You Can Do to Help School Staff Deal with Your Restraining Order - A Checklist for Parents

This Checklist is designed to help you work with school staff when a restraining order has been issued to protect you or your child. With appropriate information, schools can help keep you and your children safe on school grounds and in school buildings, rooms, and offices.

This Checklist contains some practical guidelines that you can follow to work effectively with your child's school. The suggestions in this Checklist are based on laws that have been passed to protect survivors of domestic violence from further abuse. However, the issuance of a restraining order is not limited to situations of physical or sexual abuse. Rather, such an order may be made in a variety of circumstances where persistent behaviour which can reasonably be characterized as molesting, harassing, or annoying has occurred.

- Provide the school with copies of your restraining order and a photo of the restrained parent or person who is under the order.
- Meet with the school principal and review what the restraining order says. Discuss the ways that the school can help you make sure that the order is complied with.
- Ask the school principal to put a copy of the restraining order in your child's Ontario Student Record (OSR).
- Ask the school principal to give copies of the restraining order to key school personnel who may have contact with the restrained parent or person.
- Ask the school principal to put a procedure into effect under which key school personnel inform the principal if they are contacted in any way by a parent who is under a restraining order, or if they see a parent who is under a restraining order on or near school grounds.
- Ask to see your child's school "personal information". School personal information includes addresses and phone numbers.
- Ask the school principal not to release your child's school personal information without your consent.