



Please read this *Notice* when you are asking the Court for an Order for Protection (OFP).

Notice to Petitioner about Your Information (OFP103)

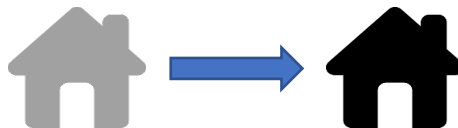
- ✦ Whatever information you give to the court will become public information as soon as the court receives notice that the Respondent has been served with the OFP or Order for Hearing.
 - You may, however, ask that your address and/or telephone number (and the address of your minor child or a protected party if asking for an OFP on behalf of them) not be given to the Respondent and not made a part of the public file.
 - How? By filing *Petitioner's Request to Keep Address/Phone Confidential* (OFP107-P), available online at <https://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=17>.
 - ✦ The court administrator's office will deliver a copy of the *Petition*, any attachments, and the OFP or Order for Hearing to the sheriff, who will serve these documents on the Respondent.
 - ✦ If your *Petition* has a claim of child abuse, the court may report it to the appropriate authority.
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Should You Answer All the Questions?

Every question on the *Petition* (OFP102) and in the Guide & File "Protective Orders" interview is **important**. The judicial officer uses your information to decide whether to issue an OFP.

If you choose not to provide all the information, the judicial officer may not be able to grant your request and issue an OFP.

What if an Address Changes?



If there is an OFP in effect, you must let court administration and local law enforcement know where the new address is when the address changes **right away**.

- If the new address is not confidential, you can use the *Notice of Change of Address* form (OFP801).
- If the new address is confidential, please use *Petitioner's Request to Keep Address/Phone Confidential* (OFP107-P) instead.
- Both forms are available on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website at <https://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=17>.