

Instructions for Asking a Court for a Child Abduction Prevention Order

Before You Get Started

The Child Abduction Prevention Process can be used to ask the Court for help if you think there is a real and likely risk that someone is going to abduct a child. This is a serious legal process. If you use it for reasons other than preventing an abduction, you could face legal consequences. It's important to understand which situations this process is appropriate for, and it's important to think honestly about whether this process is the one you should use in your situation.

The laws about the abduction prevention process are in Wyoming Statutes 20-8-101 through 20-8-112. You can read those laws on [this website \(wyoleg.gov/stateStatutes/StateStatutes\)](https://wyoleg.gov/stateStatutes/StateStatutes) or by visiting your local library.

Wyoming Statute 20-8-102 says:

- “Abduction” means the wrongful removal or wrongful retention of a child.
- “Wrongful removal” means the taking of a child that breaches rights of custody or visitation given or recognized under the law of this state.
- “Wrongful retention” means the keeping or concealing of a child that breaches rights of custody or visitation given or recognized under the law of this state.

Under this law, **abduction** means taking, keeping, or hiding a child if the person who does that is breaking or ignoring someone else's custody or visitation rights.

Only someone who has a legal right to custody, or who has a legal right to ask the Court for custody, of the child can use this process. Usually, that will be a legal parent (biological or adoptive) or a legal guardian. If you have a different relationship to the child, you might choose to talk about your concerns with someone from the child's family. You can also contact a domestic violence agency for help and information. Phone numbers and websites are listed in the Important Things You Need to Know section at the end of these instructions.

When is it appropriate to use this process?

Think carefully about your situation. If you think there is a risk that someone is going to abduct a child **and** you have the necessary relationship to the child, you can file a Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order. This process **cannot** be used to replace a child custody or visitation case. If you need to start a custody, visitation, or divorce case, you can find forms and instructions on the [Wyoming Judicial Branch website Family Law forms page \(wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/\)](https://wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/) . If you already have a Family Law case, and you need the Court to know that there is the risk of an abduction, you may be able to file a Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order into your ongoing case.

If you believe the Child Abduction Prevention process is needed in your situation, these Instructions can help you fill out the Petition and work through the process.

The Petition has many sections because the Court needs to get a lot of specific information about your situation. The Instructions will help you work through the Petition one section at a time.

The top of the page on the Petition.

The top of the page has blanks for the name of the county that the Court is in (for example, County of Big Horn) and the number of the judicial district (for example, Fifth Judicial District). When you file the Petition, the Clerk of District Court can give you this information.

The next blank is for your name. You are the Petitioner because you are the person who is asking the Court for help. Write your full legal name on the line labelled Petitioner.

The next blank is for the name of the Respondent. The Respondent is the person who you think is likely to abduct the child or children. Write that person's full legal name on the line labelled Respondent. You can write more than one person's name there, if necessary.

The final blank is for the Case Number. When you file the Petition, the Clerk of Court will give you the case number. (The Case Number might contain letters.)

Next you will see the title of the document. It's written between the two long bars on the page. The title tells the Court that you are starting a case for an Abduction Prevention Order. The Wyoming Statute numbers let everyone know which laws apply to this kind of case.

Section 1.

Write your full name on the blank line.

Section 2.

On the blank lines, write the full name of each child who you think the Respondent is planning to abduct.

Section 3.

Check the correct box. If you don't have the same relationship with all of the children you listed in Section 2, you can mark more than one box.

If you check the box for "other," write your relationship on the blank line.

Section 4.

Write the full address for where you live. Remember to include any necessary apartment number or lot number.

Section 5.

On the blank line, write the Respondent's full name again.

This section is where you formally tell the Court that you are asking for help and that you honestly believe the children are in danger of being abducted by the Respondent.

Section 6.

Write the complete address for where the Respondent usually lives. Remember to include any necessary apartment number or lot number.

If the Respondent is living at this address now, skip Section 7.

Section 7.

If the Respondent is living someplace else right now, check the box and write the complete address for the place where the Respondent is living right now.

Section 8.

On the blank lines, write the reasons you believe the Respondent is going to try to take, hide, or keep the children.

If the Respondent said something threatening or sent threatening messages, try to write the exact words the Respondent used.

Section 9.

If the Respondent abducted children before, check the box and fill in the information.

You will fill in this section if the Respondent ever abducted any child, even if the children you're worried about were not involved in the earlier situation.

Section 10.

If the Respondent tried to abduct children before, check the box and fill in the information.

You will fill in this section if the Respondent ever tried to abduct any child, even if the children you're worried about were not involved.

Section 11.

If the Respondent ever threatened to abduct children before, check the box and fill in the information.

You will fill in this section if the Respondent ever threatened to abduct any child, even if the children you're worried about were not involved.

If you wrote about threats in Section 8, you can repeat that information here.

Section 12.

If the Respondent abused children before, check the box and fill in the information.

You will fill in this section if the Respondent ever abused any child, even if the children you're worried about were not involved.

Section 13.

If the Respondent neglected children before, check the box and fill in the information.

You will fill in this section if the Respondent ever neglected any child, even if the children you're worried about were not involved.

Section 14.

If the Respondent hurt or threatened to hurt family members or other people who lived with the Respondent, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 15.

If the Respondent ever stalked someone, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 16.

If the Respondent refused to follow a court's instructions about custody, check the box and fill in the information.

You will fill in this section if the Respondent failed to follow a court's instructions, even if the children you're worried about were not involved.

Section 17.

This section lists several actions that might suggest a person is planning to move away.

If the Respondent recently did things that make you think they might be planning to move away, check the first box. If the Respondent took any of the actions on the list, check those boxes too.

Section 18.

Gathering paperwork and important documents might suggest a person is planning to move away.

If the Respondent recently got or tried to get any of the documents listed in this section, check the correct boxes and fill in the information.

Section 19.

Check the box if the Respondent does not have strong connections to Wyoming.

Section 20.

Check the box if the Respondent does not have strong connections to the United States.

Section 21.

If the Respondent does have strong connections to some other state, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 22.

If the Respondent does have strong connections to some other country, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 23.

If the statement in this section is true, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 24.

If the statement in this section is true, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 25.

If the Respondent has been dishonest with the government, check the box and fill in the information.

Section 26.

If the Respondent has used other names so they could mislead people or try to trick people, check the box and fill in the information.

Important Note: If the Respondent has used other names but it was not for these reasons, do not check the box.

Information About the Children.

In this section, you will fill in one complete chart for each child you think is in danger of being abducted.

- You must give the Court copies of any order that talks about custody of the children.
- If you don't know the exact dates when a child lived at a certain address, make your best guess about the month and year.
- If you don't know the full names of adults who live with the children or who claim to have legal rights to the children, try to find out.

It's important to give the Court as much information as you can about the people and places involved in this case.

If you need to give information about more than three children, check the box that says "There are more children involved. I will attach more of these charts to give information about the other children." Then fill out and attach more charts.

Information about Where People Lived.

In this section, fill in the charts to let the Court know where each child has lived for the past five years. If some of the children have lived together for **all** of the past five years, you can list all of those children in one chart. List the child or children at the top of the chart.

In the column for dates, you'll start with now and work backward.

In the next column, you'll write the city and state where they lived. You don't have to write the street address of the home, but you can do that if you find it helpful to keep track.

In the last column, check the correct boxes to show who lived with the children in that home. You will need to write in the current address of every person who lived with the children. If you check the box for Petitioner (you) or Respondent, you don't have to repeat those addresses because you already listed those in Sections 4, 6, and 7.

You do need to write in the **current** address of any other people you list.

(These instructions are repeated in the Gray Box on the form. You can read them there too.)

If you need to attach more pages with information about where people lived, mark the box at the end of a chart.

Section 27.

Read the two options carefully.

If none of the children you're worried about have been involved in any other court case, mark the first box and move to Section 28.

If any of the children you're worried about have been involved in any other court cases, mark the second box. Then fill in one complete chart for each other case. (Each chart is for one case. You don't need a separate chart for each child.)

Look at the paperwork you have from the case to find information on the name and location of the court and the dates of Orders, Decrees, or hearings.

Fill out the chart as completely as you can.

If you need to attach more pages with information about other cases, mark the box at the end of the second chart.

Section 28.

This section is only about abduction and domestic violence cases, and it's only about cases you filed. (Don't count the case you are preparing to file. This is for information about cases you filed in the past.)

If you have never filed an abduction prevention or domestic violence (protection order) case before, mark the first box and move to Section 29.

If you have filed an abduction prevention or domestic violence (protection order) case before, mark the second box. Then fill in one complete chart for each other case. Look at the paperwork you have from the case to find the information you need.

If you need to attach more pages with information about other cases, mark the box at the end of the second chart.

Section 29.

This section is only about abduction and domestic violence cases, and it's only about cases the Respondent filed.

If the statement in this section is not true, go on to Section 30. (If the Respondent never filed this kind of case or if you don't know, you will go on to Section 30.)

If the statement in this section is true, check the box. Then fill in as much as you can about the Respondent's abduction prevention or domestic violence cases. If you were involved in those cases, you can look at your paperwork for the information.

If you need to attach more pages with information about other cases, mark the box at the end of the second chart.

Section 30.

This section can be confusing. Many people will not need to fill it out.

Read the information in the Gray Box on the form to help you figure out if you need to complete this section.

This section is only about abduction and domestic violence cases, and it's only about cases filed by someone who has custody of the children but who is not you or the Respondent. Also, it is only about cases that do not involve the children.

If the statement in this section is not true, go on to Section 31. (If the person never filed this kind of case or if you don't know, you will go on to Section 31.)

If the statement in this section is true, check the box. Then fill in as much as you can about the person's abduction prevention or domestic violence case. If you were involved in the case, you can look at your paperwork for the information.

If you need to attach more pages with information about other cases, mark the box at the end of the chart.

Section 31.

This section is about whether you have ever been arrested for any crime related to domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect.

If you have never been arrested for any of those kinds of crimes, mark the first box and move to Section 32.

If you have been arrested for any of those kinds of crimes, mark the second box. Then fill in one complete chart for each arrest. If you have paperwork from the arrest, you can look at that to find the information you need.

If you need to attach more pages with information about other arrests, mark the box at the end of the first chart.

Section 32.

This section is about whether the Respondent has ever been arrested for any crime related to domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect.

Read the two options carefully. If you mark the first box, move to Section 33.

If you know that the Respondent has been arrested for any of those kinds of crimes, mark the second box. Then fill in one complete chart for each arrest. If you have paperwork from the arrest, you can look at that to find the information you need. If you do not have paperwork, fill in the information you know.

If you need to attach more pages with information about other arrests, mark the box at the end of the first chart.

Section 33.

Under Wyoming law, there are specific things a Court can do to try to help prevent an abduction from happening. These are actions that are designed to make it harder for a Respondent to abduct children.

In this section, you will tell the Court which actions you believe will help keep the children safe. It is very important to remember that **the Court does not have to do** any of the things you ask for. A Judge will decide whether to order all, some, or none of the things you ask for. A Judge also might decide to do things you did not ask for, if those things might help keep the children safe.

Read the choices in this section carefully. Check the box and fill in the blank lines for each action you think will be helpful in your situation. (The last box will always be checked so the Judge can order other safety measures if they are needed.)

The Signature Section.

Do not sign this form until you are in front of the Clerk of Court or a Notary. The Clerk or Notary must witness you signing the form.

By signing the form, you are telling the Court that everything you wrote on the form is true. If the information is not true, you might be criminally charged with perjury. Perjury is a felony punishable by imprisonment or a fine or both.

Review your answers carefully before you sign the Petition.

On the line labelled DATED, write the date you are signing the form.

Sign your name on the signature line.

Print your name neatly. Write in your email address. Write your phone number and your mailing address. The Court will use this information to contact you and keep you aware of what is happening in the case.

The Clerk or Notary will fill out the bottom of the page.

Next Steps

Summons and Service.

You will need to:

- File the Petition with the Clerk of District Court.
- Have the Clerk issue a Summons.
- Serve the Summons and a copy of the Petition to the Respondent.
- File proof of service with the Clerk.

On the [Wyoming Judicial Branch website forms page \(wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/\)](https://wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/), you can download and print a file that contains a Summons to Respondent, an Affidavit of Service, and a Return of Service.

Fill out the Summons with the Respondent's name, home address, and phone number. If you know the name and business address of the Respondent's employer, fill that in too.

Write in the number of the Judicial District. (The Clerk can help you, if you don't know the number.)

Write in your address.

Take the Petition, the Summons, the Affidavit of Service, and the Return of Service to the Clerk's Office. You will also need money to pay the filing fee and to pay for copies of the documents.

The Clerk will file the Petition and issue the Summons (by signing it). The Clerk can make copies of the documents. Now you need to have the Summons and a copy of the Petition served to the Respondent. This means you will have the documents formally given to the Respondent. There are different ways to serve the papers. It is very important to think about your safety and the safety of the children when you choose which way to complete service.

You can ask or hire someone to do this. The person who serves the documents must be 18 years old or older. That person is called the "process server." If you want to hire somebody to serve the documents, you can ask the Clerk for a list of professional process servers. The process server needs to fill out the Affidavit of Service and get it notarized.

Important Note: You might choose to hire someone from your local sheriff's office to serve the documents. People who work at the sheriff's office have experience serving documents and filling out the required form. If you choose to do that, you will use the Return of Service form instead of the Affidavit of Service.

The completed Affidavit of Service or Return of Service needs to be filed with the Clerk. The process server or sheriff might do this for you. But you are responsible for making sure it gets done. If the process server or sheriff did not file the completed form, you should do it.

Summary of Service:

- The Clerk issues a Summons.
- An adult gives the Summons and a copy of the Petition to the Respondent.
- The adult who served the documents completes the Affidavit or the Return.
- The completed Affidavit or Return is filed with the Clerk.

Requesting a Hearing.

A hearing is a meeting with a Judge. The Court gets to decide when the hearing will happen. At the hearing, the Judge will listen to your concerns about the children's safety. The Judge will also listen to the Respondent's side of the situation. You can learn more about hearings in the Important Things You Need to Know section below.

If you have filed the Petition, and served the Petition and Summons to the Respondent, you can use the Request to Set Hearing form to ask the Court to schedule a hearing.

How to Fill Out the Request to Set Hearing

Top of the page.

Fill this out the same way it is filled out on the Petition.

Section 1.

Check the correct box to tell the Court who is making the Request.

Section 2.

Fill in the date when the Petition was filed. The date will be stamped at the top of the Petition.

Section 3.

Check the correct box. Only check one. If the statement you mark also has blank lines, fill in the correct information.

Sections 4.

This is a polite way to tell the Court that you want a hearing. Don't write anything else here.

Gray Box: Information about Court Reporters

Read the information in this box carefully. Think about your situation and consider which choice will be the right one for this case.

Section 5.

Read your two choices carefully. Check the box for the choice that is right in this situation.

The Signature Section.

On the line labelled DATED, write the date you are signing the form. Sign your name on the signature line.

Print your name neatly. Write in your email address, your phone number, and your mailing address.

Certificate of Service

This Request does not need to be served formally (with a process server and affidavit). But you do need to give the other party a copy of this document. Fill in the accurate information for where and how the document was served. Remember to sign and date the Certificate of Service.

Filing the Request to Set Hearing.

File the Request at the Clerk's Office. You will also give the Clerk an Order Setting Hearing (with the top part, above the title, filled out).

It's a good idea to also give the Clerk an Order on Abduction Prevention (with the top part, above the title, filled out). The Judge can use this form after the hearing.

These forms are available on the [Wyoming Judicial Branch website forms page](https://wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/) (wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/).

If the Court sends you an Order Setting Hearing:

Read the Order carefully. It will tell you when and where the hearing will take place. You must take part in the hearing.

Unless the Order says so, the children do not have to attend the hearing. Use your best judgment to decide whether it would be a good idea for the children to go with you.

Important Things You Need to Know

Will the Court give me a restraining order?

It's important to understand that an Abduction Prevention Order is **NOT** the same thing as an Order of Protection (also called a restraining order or protective order). Depending on your situation, you may want to ask the Court for both kinds of help.

You can learn about Orders of Protection on the [Wyoming Judicial Branch website here: wyocourts.gov/legal-help-by-topic/domestic-violence/](https://wyocourts.gov/legal-help-by-topic/domestic-violence/) . The website also has forms you can use for the Order of Protection process.

For help developing a safety plan or to learn more about protection orders and how to get one, contact your local domestic violence program. These resources can help:

- Local domestic violence programs: <https://www.wyomingdvsa.org/programs>.
- Information about safety planning: <https://www.thehotline.org/plan-for-safety/>.
- Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: 307-755-0992
- Wyoming Division of Victim's Services: 888-996-8816
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233; TTY 800-787-3224 (Help is available in multiple languages.)

What is a Notary and where can I find one?

A Notary Public (usually just called “a notary”) is a person who has a license to witness people signing legal papers and to confirm that the signatures are authentic (which means the signatures are real and were done on purpose). **A notary will probably require you to show your driver's license or some kind of photo ID to prove that you are really you.**

Some notaries charge for their services, but it is usually easy to find a notary who will witness your signature and sign your paper for free. If you have an account at a local bank, you can probably get free notary services at that bank. Most libraries also offer free notary services.

Who can help me with these forms?

It is important for you to know that Court Clerks are not allowed to help you fill out these forms. Here are some free resources that can help people with limited income and limited assets:

- Legal Aid of Wyoming Hotline. This Hotline gives you an opportunity to talk with a lawyer. 1-877-432-9955.
- Wyoming Free Legal Answers. This website gives you a chance to privately ask questions about your situation and then receive answers from a lawyer.
<https://wyoming.freelegalanswers.org/>
- Volunteer Reference Attorney Program. This program lets you have a short informational meeting with a lawyer. You can learn about the locations and dates by checking the calendar on the Wyoming Judicial Branch website at
<https://www.wyocourts.gov/find-legal-services/>

If you do not qualify for the free services above, you can contact the Wyoming State Bar at 307-432-2107 for referral to Wyoming lawyers. (Those lawyers charge for their services.)

Where can I read the Wyoming laws about Child Abduction Prevention?

These laws are found in Wyoming Statutes Title 20, Chapter 8.

You can read them online by visiting the Wyoming Legislative Service Office website (<https://wyoleg.gov/>) or you can look at statute books at your local library.

What will happen at the hearing?

The Judge will allow both sides a chance to speak. If there are witnesses who can talk about what happened, you may take them with you to give testimony at the hearing. If you have evidence about what happened, you may take it to the hearing and present it to the Judge. After considering your side of the situation and the Respondent's side, the Judge will make decisions about whether to give you an Order on Abduction Prevention, what restrictions and requirements to include in it, and how long it will last.

What should I do with the Order if I get one?

Always carry the Order with you. It's also a good idea to keep pictures on your phone that show every page of the Order.

Ask the Clerk of Court to give you **certified** copies of your Order on Abduction Prevention.

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)
Person asking for prevention measures)
)
vs.)
)
Respondent: _____)
Person who will respond)
)

Case Number _____

PETITION FOR AN ABDUCTION PREVENTION ORDER
(under Wyoming Statutes 20-8-101 through 20-8-112)

Wyoming Statute 20-8-102 says:

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- “Wrongful retention” means the keeping or concealing of a child that breaches rights of custody or visitation given or recognized under the law of this state.

Under this law, **abduction** means taking, keeping, or hiding a child if the person who does that is breaking or ignoring someone else’s custody or visitation rights.

You can use this form to tell the Court if you think there is a risk that someone is going to abduct a child. This form **cannot** be used to replace a child custody or visitation case.

1. My name is _____ and I am the Petitioner in this case.
2. I'm filing this Petition about the following children: _____

3. My relationship to these children is:
 - ☐ natural parent.
 - ☐ adoptive parent.
 - ☐ legal guardian.
 - ☐ other: _____
4. My address is:

5. I am asking the Court for an Abduction Prevention Order because I'm afraid that the Respondent, whose name is _____, is going to abduct the children (take the children away or keep them without permission).
6. The Respondent's usual address is:

7. ☐ Right now, the Respondent is living someplace else. That address is:

8. This is why I think the Respondent is going to try to abduct the children: _____

Information about the Respondent's Actions

In this section, I will check the box and fill in the blank lines for everything that applies to the Respondent.

9. ☐ The Respondent abducted children before.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

These are the names of the children who were abducted: _____

Here is more information: _____

10. ☐ The Respondent tried to abduct children before.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

These are the names of the children who would have been abducted: _____

Here is more information: _____

11. ☐ The Respondent has threatened to abduct children before.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

These are the names of the children who were threatened: _____

Here is more information: _____

12. ☐ The Respondent has abused children.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

Here is more information: _____

13. ☐ The Respondent has neglected children.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

Here is more information: _____

14. ☐ The Respondent has hurt or threatened to hurt family members or other people in their household.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

Here is more information: _____

15. ☐ The Respondent has stalked someone.

This is when it happened: _____

It happened in this state: _____

Here is more information: _____

16. ☐ The Respondent has refused to follow a court's instructions about custody.

This is the case number from the custody case: _____

This is the date on the custody determination: _____

This is the name of the court that issued it: _____

This is information about the Respondent refusing to follow the court's instructions:

[The next section starts on the next page. The rest of this page is left blank intentionally.]

17. ☐ The Respondent recently did things that make me think the Respondent is planning to move away.
- ☐ The Respondent recently quit their job.
 - ☐ The Respondent recently sold their house.
 - ☐ The Respondent recently broke their lease.
 - ☐ The Respondent recently did unusual things with their finances. (Examples are closing bank accounts or hiding money). This is what the Respondent did: _____

18. ☐ The Respondent recently got or tried to get these important documents:
- ☐ Visas for these children _____ from these countries _____
 - ☐ Passports for these children _____ from these countries _____
 - ☐ Other travel documents for these children _____ from these countries _____
 - ☐ Birth certificates for these children _____
 - ☐ School records for these children _____
 - ☐ Medical records for these children _____
19. ☐ The Respondent does not have strong ties to Wyoming. (This would include familial, financial, emotional, or cultural ties.)
20. ☐ The Respondent does not have strong ties to the United States. (This would include familial, financial, emotional, or cultural ties.)
21. ☐ The Respondent has strong ties to a state other than Wyoming. (This could include familial, financial, emotional, or cultural ties.)
- I think the Respondent has strong ties to these states: _____
- Here is more information: _____

22. ☐ The Respondent has strong ties to a country other than the United States. (This could include familial, financial, emotional, or cultural ties.)

I think the Respondent has strong ties to these countries: _____

Here is more information: _____

23. ☐ The Respondent's immigration or citizenship status is changing, and they might not be able to stay in the United States.

Here is more information: _____

24. ☐ The Respondent applied for United States citizenship, and they were denied.

This is when that happened: _____

Here is more information: _____

25. ☐ The Respondent has been dishonest with the government. (Examples are using forged documents to get a driver's license or misrepresenting facts on a government form.)

Here is more information: _____

26. ☐ The Respondent has used multiple names in order to mislead people or engage in fraud.

These are other names the Respondent used: _____

Here is more information: _____

[The next section starts on the next page. The rest of this page is left blank intentionally.]

Information About the Children

(List one child at a time and give complete information about each child.)

Child's Full Name:	Date of Birth:	Gender:
☒ I will attach a copy of all court orders that talk about the custody of this child.		
Address where the child usually lives (including city, state, and zip code): 		
Names of adults who live at this address:		
The child lived there from to		
☐ The child is living somewhere else right now. Address where the child is living now (including city, state, and zip code): 		
Names of adults who live at this address:		
The child started living there on , 20		
I am this child's ☐ biological parent. ☐ adoptive parent. ☐ legal guardian. ☐ other:	The Respondent is this child's ☐ biological parent. ☐ adoptive parent. ☐ step-parent. ☐ legal guardian. ☐ other:	
☐ I do <u>not</u> know anyone else who has (or claims to have) legal rights to this child. OR ☐ I <u>do</u> know other people who have (or claim to have) legal rights to this child. Here is information about those people:		
Name: Address: Relationship to the child:	Name: Address: Relationship to the child:	Name: Address: Relationship to the child:

(List one child at a time and give complete information about each child.)

Child's Full Name:	Date of Birth:	Gender:
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The child started living there on , 20		
I am this child's ☐ biological parent. ☐ adoptive parent. ☐ legal guardian. ☐ other:	The Respondent is this child's ☐ biological parent. ☐ adoptive parent. ☐ step-parent. ☐ legal guardian. ☐ other:	
☐ I do <u>not</u> know anyone else who has (or claims to have) legal rights to this child. OR ☐ I <u>do</u> know other people who have (or claim to have) legal rights to this child. Here is information about those people:		
Name: Address: Relationship to the child:	Name: Address: Relationship to the child:	Name: Address: Relationship to the child:

(List one child at a time and give complete information about each child.)

Child's Full Name:	Date of Birth:	Gender:						
☒ I will attach a copy of all court orders that talk about the custody of this child.								
Address where the child usually lives (including city, state, and zip code): 								
Names of adults who live at this address:								
The child lived there from to								
☐ The child is living somewhere else right now. Address where the child is living now (including city, state, and zip code): 								
Names of adults who live at this address:								
The child started living there on , 20								
I am this child's ☐ biological parent. ☐ adoptive parent. ☐ legal guardian. ☐ other:	The Respondent is this child's ☐ biological parent. ☐ adoptive parent. ☐ step-parent. ☐ legal guardian. ☐ other:							
☐ I do <u>not</u> know anyone else who has (or claims to have) legal rights to this child. OR ☐ I <u>do</u> know other people who have (or claim to have) legal rights to this child. Here is information about those people: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Name: Address: </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Name: Address: </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Name: Address: </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Relationship to the child: </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Relationship to the child: </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;"> Relationship to the child: </td> </tr> </table>			Name: Address: 	Name: Address: 	Name: Address: 	Relationship to the child:	Relationship to the child:	Relationship to the child:
Name: Address: 	Name: Address: 	Name: Address: 						
Relationship to the child:	Relationship to the child:	Relationship to the child:						

☐ There are more children involved. I will attach more of these charts to give information about the other children.

Information about Where People Lived

In this section, fill in the charts to let the Court know where each child has lived for the past five years. If some of the children have lived together for **all** of the past five years, you can list all of those children in one chart. List the child or children at the top of the chart.

In the column for dates, you'll start with now and work backward.

In the next column, you'll write the city and state where they lived. You don't have to write the street address of the home, but you can do that if you find it helpful to keep track.

In the last column, check the correct boxes to show who lived with the children in that home. You will need to write in the current address of every person who lived with the children. If you check the box for Petitioner (you) or Respondent, you don't have to repeat those addresses because you already listed those in Sections 4, 6, and 7.

You do need to write in the **current** address of any other people you list.

[The charts start on the next page. The rest of this page is left blank intentionally.]

All of the children listed in this chart have lived together for the past five years.

Children's Names: _____

Dates		City and State where the children lived	Name and <u>current</u> address of each person who lived in the home with them (Petitioner's and Respondent's addresses are already listed above.)
From (month and year)	To (month and year)		
	now		☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about where children lived.

All of the children listed in this chart have lived together for the past five years.

Children's Names: _____

Dates		City and State where the children lived	Name and <u>current</u> address of each person who lived in the home with them (Petitioner's and Respondent's addresses are already listed above.)
From (month and year)	To (month and year)		
	now		☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____
			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other People: _____ _____ _____ _____

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about where children lived.

Other Cases Involving the Children

27. ☐ None of the children named above have been involved in any other court cases.

OR

☐ Some or all of the children named above have also been involved in other court cases.

Information about those cases is below.

Type of case: ☐ custody / visitation ☐ guardianship ☐ protection order (order of protection, restraining order) ☐ abduction prevention ☐ other: _____	
Names of the children who are involved:	
☐ I am involved in this case (as a party or as a witness or in some other way).	
Parties (the adults involved in the case):	
Name: _____ Address: _____ ☐ Already listed above. _____ Relationship to the children: _____	Name: _____ Address: _____ ☐ Already listed above. _____ Relationship to the children: _____
Location of the Court City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of the Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
Case Number (this might include letters):	
☐ There is an Order or Decree in this case. It was issued on _____, 20____	
OR ☐ There is no Order or Decree in this case.	
OR ☐ I don't know if there is an Order or Decree in this case.	
☐ There is a hearing, trial, or meeting scheduled in this case. It is scheduled to happen on _____, 20____	

Type of case: ☐ custody / visitation ☐ guardianship ☐ protection order (order of protection, restraining order) ☐ abduction prevention ☐ other: _____	
Names of the children who are involved:	
☐ I am involved in this case (as a party or as a witness or in some other way).	
Parties (the adults involved in the case):	
Name: _____ Address: _____ ☐ Already listed above. _____ Relationship to the children: _____ _____	Name: _____ Address: _____ ☐ Already listed above. _____ Relationship to the children: _____ _____
Location of the Court City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of the Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
Case Number (this might include letters):	
☐ There is an Order or Decree in this case. It was issued on _____, 20____ OR ☐ There is no Order or Decree in this case. OR ☐ I don't know if there is an Order or Decree in this case.	
☐ There is a hearing, trial, or meeting scheduled in this case. It is scheduled to happen on _____, 20____	

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about other cases involving the children.

Other Cases Filed by the Parties

28. ☐ I have never filed any other case about abduction prevention or about domestic violence.

OR

☐ I have filed other cases about abduction prevention or about domestic violence. Here is information about those other cases.

The case was about: ☐ abduction prevention ☐ domestic violence	
☐ The case also involves the Respondent.	
OR	
☐ The case does not involve the Respondent.	
I filed the case on this date:	Case Number (this might include letters):
I filed the case in this location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
☐ The case is over, and an Order was issued on this date: _____	
OR	
☐ The case is over, but no Order was issued.	
OR	
☐ The case is still going on.	

The case was about: ☐ abduction prevention ☐ domestic violence	
☐ The case also involves the Respondent.	
OR	
☐ The case does not involve the Respondent.	
I filed the case on this date:	Case Number (this might include letters):
I filed the case in this location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
☐ The case is over, and an Order was issued on this date: _____	
OR	
☐ The case is over, but no Order was issued.	
OR	
☐ The case is still going on.	

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about other cases I filed.

29. ☐ I know that the Respondent has filed cases about abduction prevention or about domestic violence. Here is the information that I know about those other cases.

The case was about: ☐ abduction prevention ☐ domestic violence	
☐ I was also involved in the case. OR ☐ I was not involved in the case.	
The Respondent filed the case on this date:	Case Number (this might include letters):
The Respondent filed the case in this location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
☐ The case is over, and an Order was issued on this date: _____ OR ☐ The case is over, but no Order was issued. OR ☐ The case is still going on. OR ☐ I don't know what happened with the case.	

The case was about: ☐ abduction prevention ☐ domestic violence	
☐ I was also involved in the case. OR ☐ I was not involved in the case.	
The Respondent filed the case on this date:	Case Number (this might include letters):
The Respondent filed the case in this location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
☐ The case is over, and an Order was issued on this date: _____ OR ☐ The case is over, but no Order was issued. OR ☐ The case is still going on. OR ☐ I don't know what happened with the case.	

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about other cases the Respondent filed.

The next section, Section 30, can be confusing.

This section is about:

An adult who is not you and is not the Respondent
who has custody of one or more of the children you named in Section 2.

And it is about:

Cases that do not involve the children you named in Section 2.

Important Note: Any other cases that do involve the children you named in Section 2 should be listed in Section 27.

Cases Filed by Someone Else Who has Custody

30. ☐ Someone who is not me and is not the Respondent has custody of at least one of the children named in this case. I know that that person has filed cases about abduction prevention or about domestic violence. Here is the information that I know about those other cases.

Name of the person who filed the case: _____	
The case was about: ☐ abduction prevention ☐ domestic violence	
☐ I was also involved in the case. OR ☐ I was not involved in the case.	☐ The Respondent was also involved in the case. OR ☐ The Respondent was not involved in the case.
The person filed the case on this date: _____	Case Number (this might include letters): _____
The person filed the case in this location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____
☐ The case is over, and an Order was issued on this date: _____ OR ☐ The case is over, but no Order was issued. OR ☐ The case is still going on. OR ☐ I don't know what happened with the case.	

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about other cases the person filed.

Information about the Parties being Arrested in the Past

31. ☐ I have never been arrested for any crime related to domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect.

OR

☐ I have been arrested for crimes related to domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect. Here is information about those cases.

I was arrested on this date:	
I was arrested for crimes related to:	
☐ domestic violence ☐ stalking ☐ child abuse ☐ child neglect	
I was arrested in this location:	
City: _____	
County: _____	
State: _____	
☐ The Respondent was also involved in the situation.	
OR	
☐ The Respondent was not involved in the situation.	
☐ No charges were filed. ☐ All the charges were dismissed. ☐ I was convicted (found guilty). ☐ I was acquitted (found not guilty). ☐ The case is still going on. The next thing that's supposed to happen is _____	
Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____	Case Number (this might include letters): _____

☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about other times when I was arrested.

[The rest of this page is left blank intentionally.]

32. ☐ As far as I know, the Respondent has never been arrested for any crime related to domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect.

OR

- ☐ I know that the Respondent has been arrested for crimes related to domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect. Here is the information that I know about those cases.

The Respondent was arrested on this date:	
The Respondent was arrested for crimes related to: ☐ domestic violence ☐ stalking ☐ child abuse ☐ child neglect	
The Respondent was arrested in this location: City: _____ County: _____ State: _____	
☐ I was also involved in the situation. OR ☐ I was not involved in the situation.	
☐ No charges were filed. OR ☐ All the charges were dismissed. ☐ The Respondent was convicted (found guilty). ☐ The Respondent was acquitted (found not guilty). ☐ The case is still going on. The next thing that's supposed to happen is _____ ☐ I don't know what happened with the situation.	
Name of Court (for example, District Court, Fifth Judicial District) _____ _____	Case Number (this might include letters): _____

- ☐ I will attach more of these charts to give information about other times when the Respondent was arrested.

My Requests: Prevention Measures I Want the Court to Order

33. For all of the reasons discussed above, I respectfully ask the Court to issue an Abduction Prevention Order that applies to all of the children named above and that includes:
- ☐ modifications (changes) to the current custody and visitation rules.
 - ☐ supervised visitation for the Respondent and the children.
 - ☐ restrictions on where and when the Respondent can travel with the children.
 - ☐ restrictions on the Respondent's ability to get or keep travel documents

- (passports, visas, etc.) for the children.
- e. ☐ requirements that the Respondent share information about any travel plans that involve the children.
 - f. ☐ requirements that the Respondent make the United States government aware of restrictions on the Respondent traveling with the children.
 - g. ☐ requirements that the Respondent make the governments of these states and countries _____ aware of restrictions on the Respondent traveling with the children.
 - h. ☐ requirements that the Respondent get an order issued by these countries _____ that matches the custody and visitation rules that are ordered for the children in the United States.
 - i. ☐ requirements that the Respondent sign a waiver/consent form that gives the Court and me access to all documents about the children.
 - j. ☐ requirements that the Respondent post a bond or provide other security (give money to the Court or someone else to hold) to discourage the Respondent from abducting the children.
 - k. ☒ all reasonable and necessary abduction prevention measures, as allowed under Wyoming laws.

I state, under penalty of perjury, that I have read the information in this document, and I believe it is true and correct.

Dated: _____, 20__.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.
Witness my hand and official seal.

CLERK OF COURT/NOTARIAL OFFICER

My commission expires: _____

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)
Person named as Petitioner on Petition)

Case Number _____

vs.)

Respondent: _____)
Person named as Respondent on Petition)

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT

To: _____ Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Employer's Name and Address: _____

A Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order has been filed in District Court in the _____ Judicial District. **If you choose to file an Answer** to the Petition, you must **serve** that Answer to the Petitioner who is named above and whose address is _____

File and serve the Answer within 20 days after this Summons is served to you, not counting the day it is served. (If service to you is made outside the state of Wyoming, file and serve your Answer within 30 days after this Summons is served to you, not counting the day it is served).

If you do not file and serve an Answer by the deadline, the case may continue without your involvement.

Dated: _____, 20____ Clerk or Deputy Clerk of Court: _____

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)

Case Number _____

Person named as Petitioner on Petition)

)

vs.)

)

Respondent: _____)

Person named as Respondent on Petition)

The Summons and a copy of the Petition must be attached to this document.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF WYOMING)

) ss

COUNTY OF _____)

TO BE USED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN
WYOMING SHERIFF, UNDER SHERIFF, OR DEPUTY

The process server is hereby commanded to serve a copy of this Summons and Petition for an
Abduction Prevention Order upon _____ whose address is _____

_____ and whose phone number is _____.

I, _____, hereby certify that I served a copy of the Summons and a copy of the
Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order on _____ on the _____
day of _____, 20____. Service was achieved as follows: _____

Service Fees \$ _____

Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission Expires:

Notarial Officer

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)
Person named as Petitioner on Petition)
)
vs.)
)
Respondent: _____)
Person named as Respondent on Petition)

Case Number _____

The Summons and a copy of the Petition must be attached to this document.

RETURN OF SERVICE BY SHERIFF OR DEPUTY

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

TO BE USED BY WYOMING SHERIFF, UNDER
SHERIFF, OR DEPUTY

TO THE SHERIFF OF _____ COUNTY

You are hereby commanded to serve a copy of this Summons and Petition for an Abduction
Prevention Order upon _____ whose address is _____
_____ and whose phone number is _____.

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the Summons and a copy of the Petition for an Abduction
Prevention Order on _____ on the _____ day of _____,
20____. Service was achieved as follows: _____

Service Fees \$ _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)
Person named as Petitioner on Petition)

Case Number _____

vs. _____)

Respondent: _____)
Person named as Respondent on Petition)

REQUEST TO SET HEARING

1. ☐ I am the Petitioner in this case.

OR

☐ I am the Respondent in this case.

2. The **Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order** was filed on _____
_____, 20__.

3. ☐ An Answer was filed on _____, 20__.

OR

☐ No Answer has been filed.

4. I respectfully request that a hearing on the Petition be set.

Important Information about Court Reporters

A court reporter is a person who makes a transcript (official written record) of everything that is said during a hearing. If you know that you want (or think you might want) a transcript of your hearing, **you** must arrange for the court reporter to be there.

You must contact the court reporter **at least three working-days before** your hearing to make these arrangements. (You can learn more by reading Rule 904 of the Wyoming Uniform Rules for District Court.)

Do You Need a Reporter?

There may be many reasons to choose to have a court reporter at your hearing. One important thing to consider is that it's very difficult to appeal a judge's decision if you do not have a transcript of the hearing. That means: If the judge makes decisions you believe are incorrect, and you want another Court to look at whether the decisions were fair decisions, it will be very helpful to have a transcript. If you don't arrange for a court reporter to record the hearing, there will be no transcript.

If you want to arrange for a court reporter, the Clerk of District Court can provide you with contact information. Information is also available on the [Wyoming Judicial Branch website](http://wyocourts.gov) at wyocourts.gov.

5. ☐ I plan to request a court reporter for this hearing. I understand that I must make these arrangements at least three working-days before the hearing.

OR

- ☐ I do not plan to request a court reporter for this hearing. I understand that means there will be no transcript.

Dated: _____, 20____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on _____, 20____, a true and accurate copy of this document was served to the other party as follows:

☐ Delivery by hand to: _____ (name)

☐ Fax to this number: _____

☐ Both Emailed to this address _____ and

Mailed by United States Postal Service, postage pre-paid, to:

Name of the other party or their attorney: _____

Address of the other party or their attorney: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____, 20____

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)

Case Number _____

Person named as Petitioner on Petition)

vs.)

Respondent: _____)

Person named as Respondent on Petition)

ORDER SETTING HEARING

THIS MATTER having come before the Court, and the Court being generally advised in the premises, and a request for a hearing having been made by:

☐ the Petitioner.

OR

☐ the Respondent.

OR

☐ this Court on its own motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on abduction prevention measures is hereby scheduled for Courtroom Number _____ in the _____ County Courthouse, _____, Wyoming on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ ☐AM ☐PM.

____ days ____ hours ____ minutes have been set aside for the hearing of this matter.

☐ The following minor children should be present for the hearing: _____

OR

☐ None of the children are required to attend the hearing.

If either party wants to ask the Court to reschedule or cancel this hearing, the party must file a Motion. The hearing will not be rescheduled (continued) or canceled based on phone calls or emails.

DATED _____, 20____.

District Court Judge

Copies to:

Petitioner's or Attorney's Name and Address:

Respondent's or Attorney's Name and Address:

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)

Case Number _____

Person named as Petitioner on Petition)

vs.)

Respondent: _____)

Person named as Respondent on Petition)

ORDER ON ABDUCTION PREVENTION
(under Wyoming Statutes 20-8-101 through 20-8-112)

1. ☐ This matter came before the Court on Petitioner's Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order, which was filed on _____, 20__.

OR

- ☐ This matter arises on the Court's own motion under Wyoming Statute 20-8-104(c).

2. ☐ This Court has jurisdiction in this matter under Wyoming Statute 20-8-105(a) and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

OR

- ☐ This Court has temporary emergency jurisdiction under Wyoming Statutes 20-8-105(b) and 20-5-304.

3. Notice was given as follows:

The Petitioner was served by _____ on _____, 20__.

The Respondent was served by _____ on _____, 20__.

☐ A non-party named _____, who is entitled to notice because _____, was served by _____ on _____, 20__.

4. ☐ No hearing was held in this matter.

OR

☐ A hearing was held on _____, 20__

☐ The Petitioner was present. ☐ With an attorney. ☐ Without an attorney.

☐ The Respondent was present. ☐ With an attorney. ☐ Without an attorney.

☐ Also present was _____

5. The Court has considered the age of the children, the potential harm to the children from an abduction, the legal and practical difficulties of returning the children to this jurisdiction if abducted, and the statutory factors that may suggest there is a credible risk of abduction of the children, including evidence of domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, or child neglect.

As a result of the specific findings discussed below, the Court FINDS:

6. ☐ There is **no** credible risk of the Respondent abducting (wrongfully removing or wrongfully retaining) any of the children identified in the Petition.

OR

☐ There **is** credible risk of the Respondent abducting (wrongfully removing or wrongfully retaining) the following children:

Child's Full Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Country of Habitual Residence

The Court makes the following findings:

7. ☐ All of the children named above are the subjects of a custody determination between these parties. That determination, dated _____, 20____, is out of _____ court in the state of _____, case number _____.

In relation to each party's custody and visitation rights and the residential arrangements of the children, that determination orders as follows: _____

OR

☐ The children named _____ are the subjects of a custody determination between these parties. That determination, dated _____, 20____, is out of _____ court in the state of _____, case number _____.

In relation to each party's custody and visitation rights and the residential arrangements of the children, that determination orders as follows: _____

OR

☐ No custody determination exists between these parties and in relation to the children named above.

8. ☐ The children named _____ are the subjects of a custody determination between the Petitioner and a non-party named _____. That determination, dated _____, 20____, is out

of _____ court in the state of _____, case number _____.

In relation to each party's custody and visitation rights and the residential arrangements of the children, that determination orders as follows: _____

9. ☐ The children named _____ are the subjects of a custody determination between the Respondent and a non-party named _____. That determination, dated _____, 20____, is out of _____ court in the state of _____, case number _____.

In relation to each party's custody and visitation rights and the residential arrangements of the children, that determination orders as follows: _____

10. ☐ The Respondent has a history of domestic violence as follows: _____

11. ☐ The Respondent has a history of stalking as follows: _____

12. ☐ The Respondent has a history of child abuse as follows: _____

13. ☐ The Respondent has a history of child neglect as follows: _____

14. ☐ The Respondent has a history of non-compliance with court orders as follows: _____

15. ☐ The Respondent has a history of child abduction (completed, attempted, or threatened) as follows: _____

16. ☐ The Respondent has a history of deception, misrepresentation, or fraud as follows: _____

17. ☐ The Respondent's recent actions, considered all together, suggest the Respondent is preparing to move away from the Respondent's current area of residence as follows: _____

18. ☐ The Respondent's recent actions, considered all together, suggest the Respondent is preparing to take the children away from their current area of residence as follows: _____

19. ☐ It is reasonable to conclude the Respondent is preparing to take the children to the state of _____ because: _____

20. ☐ It is reasonable to conclude the Respondent is preparing to take the children to the country of _____ because: _____

21. ☐ No reasonable conclusion can be reached regarding where the Respondent is preparing to go because: _____

It is therefore ORDERED:

22. ☐ Each time the Respondent leaves the state, region, or country of _____ with any child covered by this Order, the Respondent must provide to the Petitioner:

☐ the travel itinerary (plans and schedule) of the child.

☐ a list of physical addresses and telephone numbers at which the child can be reached at specified times.

☐ copies of all travel documents, including: _____

All documents must be provided before traveling and not later than _____

23. ☐ The Respondent is not allowed to, directly or indirectly:

- ☐ take any child covered by this Order out of the state, region, or country of _____ unless the Respondent first gets written permission from ☐ this Court or ☐ the Petitioner or ☐ both.
- ☐ remove (take) or retain (keep) any child covered by this Order in violation (against the rules) of a child custody determination.
- ☐ remove (pick up or withdraw) any child covered by this Order from school or a child care or similar facility.
- ☐ approach any child covered by this Order at any location other than a site designated for supervised visitation, which is identified _____

24. ☐ The Respondent must register this Order in the state of _____ before traveling to that state with any child covered by this Order.

- ☐ Proof that this Order has been correctly registered must be given to this Court and to the Petitioner by _____

25. ☐ The Petitioner must place the name of each child covered by this Order into the United States Department of State's Child Passport Issuance Alert Program.

26. ☐ The Respondent must surrender (give up) any United States or foreign passport issued in the name of any child covered by this Order, including any passport issued in the name of both the Respondent and a covered child. Passports must be surrendered to ☐ this Court or ☐ the Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are _____

27. ☐ The Respondent is not allowed to apply for a new or replacement passport or a new or replacement visa for any child covered by this Order.

28. ☐ The Respondent is not allowed to have custody of or visitation with any child covered by this Order unless the following requirements are complete.

- ☐ The Respondent must give a certified copy of this Order to the United States Department of State's Office of Children's Issues **AND** the Respondent must give a certified copy of this Order to the foreign consulate or embassy in the following countries: _____
- ☐ The Respondent must give to this Court proof that the certified copies of the Order were submitted as required.
- ☐ The Respondent must give to this Court proof from the consulates or embassies in _____ that no one has applied for a passport there in the name of any of the children covered by this Order **AND** that no passport has been issued there in the name of any of the children covered by this Order.
- ☐ Because no objection has been made to this condition, the Respondent must give to the Petitioner proof that this Order was registered with the United States Embassy or other United States diplomatic presence in the following countries: _____
- ☐ Because no objection has been made to this condition, the Respondent must give to the Petitioner proof that this Order was registered with the Central Authority for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction in the following countries: _____
- ☐ The Respondent must give to this Court and to the Petitioner a written waiver under the federal Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a as amended. This waiver will apply with respect to any document, application, or other information pertaining to any child covered by this Order, and it will authorize disclosure to this Court and to the Petitioner.

29. ☐ The Respondent must give to this Court and to the Petitioner proof that an order has been obtained from the following countries: _____ .
The proof must demonstrate (with translations in English if appropriate) that the order contains terms identical to the child custody determination issued by _____ court in the state of _____, United States, on _____, 20____.

It is further ORDERED:

30. ☐ Visitation as ordered in the _____ dated _____, 20____, is hereby amended as follows: _____

31. ☐ The Respondent must provide security in the amount of \$_____.
If the Respondent abducts any children covered by this Order, these funds can be used to pay for the reasonable expenses of recovery of the children, including the Petitioner's reasonable attorney fees and costs. The security must be paid by _____, 20____ using this process: _____

32. ☐ The Respondent must obtain education on the potentially harmful effects of abduction. This requirement must be completed by _____, 20____. The following is necessary to satisfy this requirement: _____

33. ☐ It is further ordered that _____

34. For each child identified above as being at risk of abduction, every provision of this Order shall remain in effect until the earliest of these events:

- The child is emancipated.
- The child turns 18 years old.
- The Order is modified, revoked, vacated, or superseded by a court with jurisdiction under Wyoming Statutes 20-5-301 through 20-5-303.

☐ _____, 20____

35. Both parties shall take notice that violating this order (not following its restrictions and requirements) could result in civil or criminal penalties.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE



CONSULAR OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**WRITTEN CONSENT TO RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT**

Safeguarding your privacy is an integral part of the consular mission. The Privacy Act of 1974 and related rules provide a range of protections for personal information that the Department, including its embassies and consulates worldwide, maintains about you. The Act also permits - but does not require - the Department to share such information in various established common circumstances, such as when we engage with U.S. and foreign government authorities in connection with your case and when we work with various entities and individuals in emergency situations.

The purpose of this form is to allow you to tell the Department of State with whom you would like us to share information about your case, outside of the common circumstances mentioned above. If possible, you can assist us in reaching these individuals or organizations by providing contact information. Providing this information is voluntary, but without it the Department may find it more difficult to assist you in a manner consistent with your wishes.

Further information about our privacy rules and practices is available at foia.state.gov and the State-05 [Federal Register Overseas Citizens Services Records notice](#).

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act), 22 U.S.C. 2656 (Management of Foreign Affairs), 22 U.S.C. 3904 (Functions of Service), Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

Are there particular individuals to whom you would like the Department of State to provide relevant and appropriate information about your case/situation? If so, please provide name(s), relationship, and contact details below.

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Relationship/Affiliation	E-Mail / Phone (specify mobile or landline) / Street Address

In addition to any individuals you have listed, do you consent to the Department of State providing relevant information about your case/situation to (please check all that apply):

- | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| ☐ Family | ☐ Friends | ☐ Employer |
| ☐ Attorney/representative | ☐ Congressional offices | ☐ Media |
| ☐ Other parties in a position to assist you | | |

If there is anything about your case/situation (e.g., health status, location, contact details) that you particularly wish, or do not wish, to be disclosed, please specify below.

I understand the foregoing and voluntarily consent to release of information about my case in accordance with the rules, practices, and preferences set out above. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I am the person named below.

Signature: Electronic signature (retyping your name in this box using an electronic method) is as acceptable as signing with pen/ink and paper.

Full Name (Printed)	Date of Birth (<i>mm-dd-yyyy</i>)
Signature (Ink, Typed)	Date (<i>mm-dd-yyyy</i>)

☐ If you are completing this form on behalf of a minor, please check the box and state the minor's full name and your legal relationship:

This guide is designed to help you make decisions for yourself. It is not legal advice.
Court Clerks cannot give you legal advice or explain the information in this guide.
If you want to talk with a lawyer, you can contact the Wyoming State Bar for a list of attorneys.

CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ORDERS IN WYOMING: Helpful Information for a Respondent to Know

This document has a lot of important information. It will be helpful to read it carefully.

Here are a few very important things you need to know right away:

- ⊗ If the Court issues an Order on Abduction Prevention and you are the Respondent, the law requires you to follow all of the rules and restrictions in the Order.
- ⊗ If you do not follow the rules and restrictions in the Order, there may be serious consequences. In some situations, breaking the Order can lead to criminal charges.
- ⊗ You may have strong feelings about the Order. You may feel upset or believe the rules and restrictions are unfair. You are required to follow the Order even if you think it is unfair.

The information on this sheet does not assume you did what the Petitioner claims. It also does not assume that you did not do those things. The information on this sheet is here to help you understand the process. It will help you:

- ☐ Understand what an Order on Abduction Prevention is.
- ☐ Understand what happens at hearings.
- ☐ Understand what you can do to communicate with the Court.

Important Things You Need to Know

Why am I called a Respondent?

Somebody asked the Court for an Order on Abduction Prevention. The person who asked is called the Petitioner.

If the Petitioner asked for an Order that will restrict you, you are called the Respondent. The word "Respondent" means you are the person who will *respond* to the claims in the petition.

Is this a criminal matter?

An Order on Abduction Prevention and the Petition that is used to ask for one are parts of a **civil case**. A civil case is not a criminal case.

It is important to understand that **there might also be a criminal case** related to this situation. If there is a criminal case, lawyers for the government may bring charges against you. The Petitioner cannot charge you with a crime.

What happens if the Petitioner asks me to break the rules and restrictions?

You can get in trouble anyway.

The Court created the rules and restrictions in the Order, and the Court is in charge of them. If you break the rules because the Petitioner asked you to do it, you are still violating the Order.

What do I do if the information in the Petition is wrong?

Because a Petition was filed, the Court will schedule a hearing (meeting) so that you and the Petitioner can tell the judge what happened. At the hearing, the Petitioner will have a chance to tell their side of the situation, and you will have a chance to tell your side.

If the personal information about you or your relationship to the children is incorrect in the Petition, you might choose to file a form called “Optional Notice of Respondent Information.” The form tells the Court that you plan to take part in any hearings that are held, and it gives you the chance to submit your personal information. The form is optional – you do not have to file it.

It is important to understand that the form cannot be used to argue against the Petitioner’s allegations (claims) about your actions. To tell the judge your side of the situation, you must take part in the hearing.

Is it important to take part in the hearing?

Yes.

If you want to tell the judge your side of what happened, you must take part in the hearing. The hearing is also your chance to tell the judge what you think about the “request for relief” that the Petitioner put in the Petition. The request for relief is the part of the Petition where the Petitioner asked the judge to make certain restrictions and rules that you must follow. During the hearing, you can tell the judge if some of those rules feel too difficult or unfair to you. That will be important information for the judge to consider.

Important Note: Even if you do not take part in the hearing, the judge is allowed to make any or all of the rules that the Petitioner asked for, and is not required to give you another chance to tell your side of the situation.

What will happen at the hearing?

The judge will allow both sides a chance to speak. If there are witnesses who can talk about what happened, you may take them with you to give testimony at the hearing. If you have evidence about what happened, you may take it to the hearing and present it to the judge.

After considering your side of the situation and the Petitioner’s side, the judge will make decisions about whether to give the Petitioner an Order on Abduction Prevention, what restrictions and rules to include in it, and how long it will last.

What can I do if I disagree?

The hearing on the Petition will be your opportunity to explain your view directly to the judge. It’s important to take part in the hearing, and it’s important to be prepared to explain your side of the situation calmly and honestly.

In addition to the hearing, you can ask the Court to do something differently by filing a specific kind of document called a “motion.” Forms for motions are available on the [Wyoming Judicial Branch website forms page \(wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/\)](http://wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/), in Packet #10 under “Family Law.”

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPTIONAL NOTICE OF RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Read these instructions carefully.

This form is optional. You are not required to use it.

Whether you choose to use this form or not, lots of helpful information is available in a guide called *CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ORDERS IN WYOMING: Helpful Information for a Respondent to Know*. You can find that guide on the [forms page of the Wyoming Judicial Branch website](https://www.wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/) (<https://www.wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/>).

Before You Get Started

This form, the Optional Notice of Respondent Information, can be used by a person who was named as the Respondent in a Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order. This means that someone has asked the Court for an Order on Abduction Prevention that will restrict you.

If you have been served with a Petition – that means if the Petition was delivered or given to you – you can use this form to tell the Court some basic information about yourself and your relationship to the children.

It is important to remember that the Court will hold a hearing (a meeting with the judge), and that is when you will have the chance to tell the judge your side of the story. This optional form is only used to tell the Court a few pieces of basic information.

This form is optional. That means you are not required to fill it out or file it with the Court. You will decide whether to use this form or not.

If you want to fill out this form, the instructions below will help.

The top of the page on the Optional Notice of Respondent Information.

The top of the page has blanks for the name of the county that the Court is in (for example,

County of Big Horn) and the number of the judicial district (for example, Fifth Judicial District). This information will be on the top of the Petition you received.

The next blanks are for the name of the Petitioner and the name of the Respondent. If you are named as the Respondent on the Petition, you are the **Respondent**. Write your name on the Respondent line. On the Petitioner line, write the name of the person who is listed as Petitioner on the Petition.

The next blank is for the Case Number. Copy the number that is written on the Petition. (The number may include letters.)

Section 1 is for information about the Petition you received.

In the blanks, write the date the Petition was filed. That date will be on a stamp near the top of the first page of the Petition.

Sections 2, 3, and 4 are statements you will be making.

If you choose to sign and file this form, you will be telling the Court that you are the Respondent. That is statement # 2.

In statement # 3, you will be telling the Court that you plan to take part in all of the hearings (meetings) that are about the Petition and about an Order on Abduction Prevention.

Important Note: Even if you do not file this form, the Court will notify you about any hearings. That means the Court will tell you in advance when and where a hearing will happen. You will be expected to take part.

Statement # 4 tells the Court that the form is not an admission. That means you are **not admitting** anything. When you go to the hearing about the Petition, you may choose to talk to the judge about what happened, and about which parts of the Petition are true and which parts are not true. This form is not used to admit or deny what the Petitioner wrote.

Do not change any of the words in Sections 2, 3, and 4. Do not add anything to those statements.

Section 5 is for information about you.

The Petitioner wrote information about you and about the children in the Petition. It is possible that some of the information the Petitioner wrote was inaccurate.

In Section 5 of this form, you can tell the Court accurate information about yourself and your relationship to the children.

Signature Section

On the line labelled DATED, write the date you are signing the form. Sign your name on the signature line.

Print your name neatly. Write in your email address, your phone number, and your mailing address.

Important Things You Need to Know

What do I do after I fill out the form?

If you choose to, you will file the form with the Clerk of District Court in the county named at the top of the Petition.

The [Wyoming Judicial Branch website has information about court locations \(wyocourts.gov/find-a-court/#directory\)](https://wyocourts.gov/find-a-court/#directory). The Clerk's office is at the court.

What do I do if other information in the Petition is wrong?

The Court will schedule a hearing (meeting) so that you and the Petitioner can tell the judge what happened. At the hearing, the Petitioner will have a chance to tell their side of the situation, and you will have a chance to tell your side.

For more information on Child Abduction Prevention read *CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ORDERS IN WYOMING: Helpful Information for a Respondent to Know*. You can find that guide on the [forms page of the Wyoming Judicial Branch website \(wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/\)](https://wyocourts.gov/self-help-forms/).

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Petitioner: _____)

Person listed as Petitioner on Petition)

vs.)

Respondent: _____)

Person listed as Respondent on Petition)

Case Number _____

OPTIONAL
NOTICE OF RESPONDENT INFORMATION
(under Wyoming Statutes 20-8-101 through 20-8-112)

1. A Petition for an Abduction Prevention Order was filed in this Court on _____, 20____.
2. I am the Respondent named in the Petition.
3. I intend to participate fully in all proceedings related to the Petition and related to any Order the Court may issue as a result of the Petition.
4. This Notice is **not** an admission of any information or allegations contained in the Petition.
5. For the convenience of the Court, I submit the following information about myself:

My full legal name is:
☐ I use or have used other names. Those names are: _____ _____

Case Number _____

My home address is: _____ _____	
☐ My employer is: _____ ☐ I am self-employed. ☐ I am unemployed.	
☐ I am the biological parent of children whose names are: _____ _____	
☐ I am the adoptive parent of children whose names are: _____ _____	
☐ I am the step-parent of children whose names are: _____ _____	
☐ I am the legal guardian of children whose names are: _____ _____	
☐ I am the _____ of children whose names are: _____ _____	

Dated: _____, 20__.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on _____, 20____, a true and accurate copy of this document was served on the other party in the following manner:

- ☐ Delivered by hand to: _____ (name)
- ☐ Faxed to this number: _____
- ☐ Both Emailed to this address _____ and

Mailed by United States Postal Service, postage pre-paid, to:

Name of other party or other party's attorney: _____

Address of other party or other party's attorney: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____, 20____