

# NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC COURT ORDERS

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*Attach to Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage) Complaint/Cross Complaint (JD-FM-159), Custody/Visitation Application (JD-FM-161), and any Annulment or Legal Separation Complaint*



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The following automatic orders shall apply to both parties, with service of the automatic orders to be made with service of process of a complaint for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or annulment or of an application for custody or visitation. An automatic order shall not apply if there is a prior, contradictory court order. The automatic orders shall be effective with regard to the plaintiff or applicant upon the signing of the complaint or application and with regard to the defendant or respondent upon service and shall remain in place during the pendency of the action, unless terminated, modified, or amended by further order of the court upon motion of either of the parties:

1. Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber (except for the filing of a lis pendens), conceal, assign, remove, or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or an order of the court, any property, individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business or for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney fees in connection with this action. **(This section only applies to divorce, annulment, and legal separation cases.)**
2. Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including but not limited to, further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards. **(This section only applies to divorce, annulment, and legal separation cases.)**
3. The parties shall each complete and exchange sworn financial statements substantially in accordance with a form prescribed by the chief court administrator within thirty days of the return day. The parties may thereafter enter and submit to the court a stipulated interim order allocating income and expenses, in accordance with the uniform child support guidelines. **(This section only applies to divorce, annulment, and legal separation cases.)**
4. The case management date for this case is \_\_\_\_\_ . The parties shall comply with Sec. 25-51 to determine if their actual presence at the court is required on that date. (See JD-FM-165A - C or court clerk for local Case Management Dates.)
5. Neither party shall permanently remove the minor child or children from the state of Connecticut, without written consent of the other or order of the court.
6. The parties, if they share a minor child or children, shall participate in the parenting education program within sixty days of the return day or within sixty days from the filing of the application.
7. Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.
8. Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowner's or renter's insurance policies in full force and effect.
9. If the parties are living together on the date of service of these orders, neither party may deny the other party use of the current primary residence of the parties, whether it be owned or rented property, without court order. This provision shall not apply if there is a prior, contradictory court order.
10. If the parties share a child or children, a party vacating the family residence shall notify the other party or the other party's attorney, in writing, within forty-eight hours of such move, of an address where the relocated party can receive communication. This provision shall not apply if there is a prior, contradictory court order.
11. If the parents of minor children live apart during this dissolution proceeding, they shall assist their children in having contact with both parties, which is consistent with the habits of the family, personally, by telephone, and in writing unless there is a prior court order.

## BY ORDER OF THE COURT

**FAILURE TO OBEY THESE ORDERS MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY CONTEMPT OF COURT. IF YOU OBJECT TO OR SEEK MODIFICATION OF THESE ORDERS DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.**

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## SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC COURT ORDERS

The court orders on the reverse side/page 1 apply to both parties in this case, unless there is already a court order which contradicts one of these orders. The automatic court orders apply to the plaintiff or the applicant when the attached Complaint or Application is signed. They apply to the defendant or respondent when a copy of the Complaint or the Application and the Notice of Automatic Court Orders are served (delivered to the defendant/respondent by an authorized person). The automatic court orders are summarized below, but you are subject to the full text of the orders on the reverse side/page 1. If you do not understand the full text of the automatic court orders, you may want to talk to an attorney.

### Neither party shall:

- Sell, mortgage, or give away any property without written agreement or a court order. **(Only applies to divorce, annulment, and legal separation cases.)**
- Go into unreasonable debt by borrowing money or using credit cards or cash advances. **(Only applies to divorce, annulment, and legal separation cases.)**
- Permanently take your children from Connecticut without written agreement or a court order.
- Take each other or your children off any existing medical, hospital, doctor, or dental insurance policy or let any such insurance coverage expire.
- Change the terms or named beneficiaries of any existing insurance policy or let any existing insurance coverage expire, including life, automobile, homeowner's or renter's insurance.
- Deny use of the family home to the other person without a court order, if you are living together on the date the court papers are served.

### Both parties shall:

- Complete and exchange sworn financial affidavits within thirty days of the return date. **(Only applies to divorce, annulment, and legal separation cases.)**
- Participate in a parenting education program within sixty days of the return date or, for a custody or visitation case, within sixty days from the filing of the Application (if you share children under 18 years old).
- Attend a case management conference on the date specified on the reverse/page 1, unless you both agree on all issues and file a Case Management Agreement form with the court clerk on or before that date.
- Tell the other person in writing within forty-eight hours about your new address or a place where you can receive mail if you move out of the family home (if you share children under 18 years old).
- Help any children you share continue their usual contact with both parents in person, by telephone and in writing.

**IF YOU DO NOT OBEY THESE ORDERS WHILE YOUR CASE IS PENDING, YOU MAY BE PUNISHED BY BEING HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT. IF YOU OBJECT TO THESE ORDERS OR WANT THEM CHANGED, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, BY FILING A MOTION TO MODIFY THESE ORDERS WITH THE COURT CLERK**