

**NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS  
IN THE COURT OF CENTRAL JURISDICTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION**

(8 MLBS § 401 et seq)

**WHAT IS AN OFP?**

An Order for Protection (OFP) is a court order that may help protect you from Domestic Abuse. An OFP will order the abuser not to contact, harm, threaten to harm you, your children, or other minor children in your home.

**WHO MAY FILE?**

Petition for an Order for Protection can be filed by:

- Any adult seeking protection from a family or household member
- Any adult family or household member on behalf of minor family or household members needs protection

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Domestic Abuse** is defined as any of the following conduct between family or household members:

- Physical harm, bodily injury, or assault
- Infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault

**Family or household members** include:

- Abuser's spouse
- Abuser's parents
- Abuser's children
- Persons related to abuser by blood (such as brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, or grandparents)
- Persons living in same home with the abuser

**WHAT FORMS ARE REQUIRED?**

The person applying for the OFP is called the **Petitioner**. The person you are seeking protection from is called the **Respondent**. To file for an OFP, the Petitioner must complete (**write clearly and legibly**) and file with the Clerk of Court the following:

1. ***Petition for Protection from Domestic Abuse Order and Affidavit***
2. ***Confidential Address/Phone Number Request***  
(file this if you want the Court not to release your address or phone number)

**NOTE: If your petition does not allege "Domestic Abuse" AND "Family or Household Members" as defined above, the Court cannot issue an OFP. However, you may be able to proceed under the harassment laws. Please ask the Court Clerk's Office for a Petition for Harassment Restraining Order (HRO).**