



Objection to a non-contact order

R28 & R33 – VICTIMS’ ORDERS AGAINST VIOLENT OFFENDERS RULES 2014

When to use this form

Use this form if you have received a letter from the court saying that someone has applied for a non-contact order against you and you don’t agree that they should get one. In this form, tell us why a non-contact order shouldn’t be made against you.

You will be able to go to a court hearing. (The letter from the court has the hearing date.) A hearing is a formal session with a judge. At the hearing you can say why you disagree with the non-contact order. You don’t have to attend – the judge can use the information you give us in this form. If you have a lawyer, they can come with you or attend on your behalf. The judge will then decide if a non-contact order should be put in place.

This form must be with the court at least 5 days before the hearing.

Getting more information

If you need help filling in this form, please email vovo@justice.govt.nz, call **0800 COURTS (0800 268 787)**, contact your local district court or talk to a lawyer.

Step 1 Give us your details

A victim has named you in their application for a non-contact order. Please tell us who you are.

- I am the offender
- I am a person associated with the offender (this means you were included in the non-contact order application under section 12 of the Victims’ Orders Against Violent Offenders Act 2014).

Full name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Current address _____

Address for service

If you would like written information posted to a different address, such as your lawyer’s office, please give us the address.

Lawyer's contact details

If a lawyer is filling in this application for you, or an agent is acting for your lawyer, please give us their details.

Lawyer's name _____

Lawyer's firm _____

Agent's name _____

Contact details

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Step 2 Tell us about the application

Case number _____

This is on the letter notifying you that there's been an application for a non-contact order.

Who is applying for a non-contact order?

Full name _____

Step 3 Tell us why you don't think there should be non-contact order

If you need more room, you can attach extra pages.

Step 4 Sign and date the form

Signature

Date

Step 5 Send in the form

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You can **email**, **post** or **hand in** the form to the court that sent you the letter saying that someone has applied for a non-contact order against you. The court name is on the letter.

What happens next?

A registrar or judge will look at the information you've given us. You will be sent a letter with a hearing date.

At the hearing you can say why you disagree with the non-contact order. You don't have to attend – the judge can use the information you give us in this form. If you have a lawyer, they can come with you or attend on your behalf.

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