

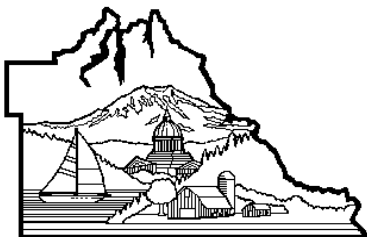
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**HOW TO GET
IMMEDIATE
(EX PARTE)
ORDERS**

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✓ *Restraining Orders*

✓ *Custody of a Child or Children*



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HOW TO GET AN IMMEDIATE ORDER IN A NONPARENT CUSTODY ACTION

CHECKLIST

- ✓ You have a pending Nonparent Custody action (Third Party Custody) in this Court;

AND

- ✓ An emergency exists and you need immediate protection from the courts. Also...
- ✓ You want immediate temporary custody of a child;
- ✓ You want to prevent the other party from taking the child out of your care or from school without your permission;
- ✓ You want to prevent the other party from leaving the area with the child;
- ✓ You want to prevent the other party from harming you or a child;

(If you have not yet opened a case for non-parent custody of a child, please refer back to the self-help center for packet 4-1 to open your case.)

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. The Self-Service Center has a list of local attorneys who can give you legal advice and who can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.