

Court of Washington, County of _____

In re the Matter of:

A Vulnerable Adult (Person to be Protected)

Respondent (Person to be Restrained)

No. _____

**Notice to the Vulnerable Adult
(NTVA)**

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Important Notice - Please Read Carefully

Petitioner (*name*) _____
filed a *Petition for a Protection Order* on your behalf in _____
County Superior Court against (*name of Respondent*) _____

The hearing is scheduled for (*time*) _____ on (*date*) _____
at (*location*) _____

If this protection order is granted, the judge may grant the request as stated in the petition. This may include requiring (*the respondent*) _____ to stay away from you and not to talk to you, or not handle your money. If the protection order is granted, it can be for 1 year or up to a permanent protection order.

Under the law you have certain rights.

You have the right to go to the court hearing. At the court hearing, the judge will decide whether or not you need protection.

You have the right to tell the judge that you agree or disagree with the petition.

You have the right to have a lawyer represent you.

You have the right to present evidence.

At the hearing, the judge may:

- grant the order for protection;
- dismiss the petition or parts of it;
- get more information to decide if you are unable to protect yourself or your property due to incapacity, undue influence, or duress; or
- require a guardianship or conservatorship petition to be filed. If a guardianship or conservatorship petition is filed, you have the right to have a lawyer appointed for you and you will have other rights.

If you have a disability that makes it hard for you to understand court documents or to be part of the court hearing, you may ask for help (an accommodation). You may use the *Request for Reasonable Accommodation* form available in the court clerk's office to ask for an accommodation.

For help with a disability accommodation, contact (*Petitioner must check one and complete*):

ADA Designated Contact Person for the Superior Court

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Court Administrator for the Superior Court

Address: _____

Telephone: _____