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Template supporting statement – if you are applying for yourself

Application for a domestic abuse protection order (DAPO),
form DA1

Please read the guidance on the first page of this template carefully.

Do not print or include this first page when submitting your statement and application.

This template is designed to help you provide all the information that is needed from a supporting statement by the court. You must submit a statement but you do not need to use this template if you would prefer to write your own. However, you may still find the guidance helpful.

You should complete your statement, along with form **DA1 – Application for a domestic abuse protection order (DAPO)** and take or send both to the court you are applying to by post or email.

1. The template consists of statements that you need to complete either by providing the necessary information or by ticking the appropriate box.
2. If you are not applying for protection regarding your home, you should not tick the box when asked in the introduction and leave that section blank.
3. The last page in this document is a template coversheet for any exhibits you submit. An exhibit is another document that you would like the court to see as part of your evidence. This could be:
 - medical reports
 - social services reports or letters
 - print outs of text messages
 - emails

If you do not want your contact details to be shared with the respondent, do not include your address or any other contact details in any exhibits.

Only include a coversheet if submitting an exhibit – one coversheet for each exhibit.

You'll find more guidance on the right-hand side of each page as you complete this statement.

Supporting statement coversheet

To be completed by the court

Court name

Date issued

Day

Month

Year

Case number

Statement of the applicant

Statement number

Exhibits

Dated

Day

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Name of applicant

Name of respondent

Statement of the

applicant: Put the initials of your first name(s) and your surname, for example A B Smith.

Statement number:

If only making one statement you should write '1' here. If making more than one statement put the appropriate number.

Exhibits: Number of exhibits you are attaching. See point 3 on guidance page.

Dated: Put the date you are completing the statement.

Applicant: Write your full name.

Respondent:

The respondent is the person you are asking for the order to be against. Write their full name.

1. Introduction

1.1 My full name is

First name(s)

Last name

1.2 My full address is

Building and street

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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1.3 I make this statement in support of my application for a domestic abuse protection order against my

whose full name is

First name(s)

Last name

Note 1.2: If you have asked the court to keep your contact details confidential by completing form C8 please write 'My address is confidential'.

Note 1.3: Enter the respondent's relationship to you, for example, husband/wife, current or former boyfriend/girlfriend or partner, parent/grandparent.

1.4

I am also applying for protection regarding my home

I am not applying for protection regarding my home.

Go to question 1.6.

1.5 The domestic abuse protection order should be for my home which is at the following address

Building and street

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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I have provided further information about the address in the enclosed form **DA1 – Application for a domestic abuse protection order (DAPO)**. This includes who lives at the address and details about the ownership and/or tenancy arrangements.

1.6 If you are asking for a without notice order, please describe in your own words why you feel this is needed.

Note 1.5: Do not complete this question if you are not applying for protection in connection with your home.

Note 1.6: For reasons that the court will take into account when deciding whether to allow your without notice application, please see question 1.2 in form DA1 – Application for a domestic abuse protection order(DAPO).

2. History of your relationship

2.1 The respondent and I have known each other since

Day	Month	Year

2.2 When did your relationship start and when did it end?

Start

Day	Month	Year

End (if applicable)

Day	Month	Year

2.3 The respondent's behaviour has

changed since our relationship started

always been abusive. **Go to question 2.5.**

2.4 I first noticed the respondent's behaviour change on or around

Day	Month	Year

Note 2: When asked for dates in this section, please try to be specific – but even rough dates can help, such as month and year.

This will help the court understand more about your circumstances, so please provide the information if you can.

2.5 Examples of their abusive behaviour have included

Being violent or sexually abusive towards me or threatening me

Harassing or intimidating me

Controlling or coercing me

Using or manipulating the children to abuse or control me

Abusing me economically or financially

Online abuse such as posting or publishing about me either in print or digitally

Being abusive psychologically or emotionally

Contacting me directly or through someone else

Contacting my employer or place of work

Causing damage to my possessions

Causing damage to my home

Coming into my home

Coming near my home

Coming near my place of work or children's school or nursery

There may be other types of abuse you would like to include.

You can provide more detail and examples in the next sections.

Note 2.5: You should tick as many of these behaviours as you think are appropriate, this can include abuse that has continued after the relationship ended.

Economic or financial abuse could include preventing you from working or blocking access to a bank account.

Coercive control is behaviour that can be humiliating, isolating or controlling and leave you feeling like you have no freedom or sense of self.

Online abuse could be: sending you threatening messages by text or email; controlling access to your phone, email or going online; intercepting your emails or text messages.

For examples of different forms of domestic abuse, go to GOV.UK and search for 'domestic abuse: recognise the signs'.

The next 3 sections ask you to provide information about specific incidents that have happened.

If there have not been specific incidents but there has been a pattern of abuse, go directly to section 6 'Patterns of abuse or other incidents'.

3. Most recent incident

3.1 The most recent incident happened/started on

Day	Month	Year

3.2 This incident of abusive behaviour

has ended

has not ended. **Go to question 3.4.**

3.3 The incident ended on

Day	Month	Year

3.4 Details about the **most recent incident**

Note 3: Please try to provide the exact date when asked in this section if you can.

Note 3.4: Provide as much information as possible about the respondent's behaviour.

3.5 The impact of this incident on my health, safety or wellbeing

Note 3.5: Please describe how this has affected you, and any children, in as much detail as possible.

3.6 Witnesses and people that I've told about the incident

Note 3.6: Tell us about anyone you told about the incident or anyone who witnessed the incident. This could include a personal contact such as a family member, a friend or a colleague. Or it could be a professional person such as the police or a doctor.

Include with your application and statement copies of any relevant evidence about this incident, such as police report, medical report, photos. **Do not include any information that you do not want the respondent to see.**

4. First incident

4.1 The first incident happened/started on

Day	Month	Year

4.2 The incident ended on

Day	Month	Year

4.3 Details about the first incident

Note 4: If the most recent incident is not the first time the abuse has happened, please provide information about the first incident you can remember.

Please try to provide the exact date when asked in this section if you can. But even rough dates can help, such as month and year.

Note 4.3: Provide as much information as possible about the respondent's behaviour and how this affected you and any children.

4.4 Witnesses and people that I've told about the incident

Note 4.4: Tell us about anyone you told about the incident or anyone who witnessed the incident. This could include a personal contact such as a family member, a friend or a colleague. Or it could be a professional person such as the police or a doctor.

Include with your application and statement copies of any relevant evidence about this incident, such as police report, medical report, photos. **Do not include any information that you do not want the respondent to see.**

5. Worst incident

5.1 The worst incident of abuse was

the most recent incident. **Go to Section 6.**

the first incident. **Go to Section 6.**

another incident

Note 5: Please provide details of the incident that impacted you and/or your family the most.

Please try to provide the exact date when asked in this section if you can. But even rough dates can help, such as month and year.

Only complete questions 5.2 to 5.6 if you selected 'another incident' in question 5.1.

5.2 The worst incident happened/started on

Day	Month	Year

5.3 The incident ended on

Day	Month	Year

5.4 Details about the **worst incident**

Note 5.4: Provide as much information as possible about the respondent's behaviour and how this affected you and any children.

5.5 Witnesses and people that I've told about the incident

Note 5.5: Tell us about anyone you told about the incident or anyone who witnessed the incident. This could include a personal contact such as a family member, a friend or a colleague. Or it could be a professional person such as the police or a doctor.

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6. Patterns of abuse or other incidents

6.1 Patterns of abuse I would like the court to consider

Note 6.1: You can use this section to describe any pattern of the respondent's behaviour that cannot be pinned down to a few specific incidents or dates. This could include ongoing controlling behaviour. Please use additional sheets of paper if required.

6.2 Other abusive behaviour you would like the court to consider

Note 6.2: You can use this box to describe any other abusive behaviour you want to tell the court about, for example about incidents that may have not been part of a pattern, or if you not sure about when first, worst or last incidents were.

6.3 Witnesses and people that I've told about these behaviours

7. Protection regarding my home

7.1 The respondent and I have the following responsibility for the home – tick only **one** box

we have joint responsibility for a mortgage

we have joint responsibility for a tenancy (rental) agreement

I have sole responsibility for a mortgage

the respondent has sole responsibility for a mortgage

I have sole responsibility for a tenancy agreement

the respondent has sole responsibility for a tenancy agreement

neither of us has mortgage or tenancy responsibility

Note 7: Only complete this section if you are applying for protection regarding your home. Remember to include the details about your mortgagee lender or landlord on the application form. If you're not applying for this protection, go to Section 8 Summary.

7.2 I have the following housing needs

Note 7.2: Describe what you need from your housing, including:

- information about travelling to and from work
- the needs of any children you are responsible for, such as number of bedrooms and proximity to their school
- financial factors – for example, if you have a low income, cannot afford to move or you have a favourable rental agreement with your landlord

7.3 The respondent has the following housing needs

Note 7.3: Describe as best as possible what the respondent's housing needs are, including:

- information about travelling to and from work
- any other places the respondent could stay that you are aware of, such as a family member
- if you believe they are able to afford to rent elsewhere and why, such as they have a high paid job
- housing needs of any children for which they are responsible

7.4 I request that the court makes an order that the respondent shall not

Note 7.4: Tick all that you want to apply for.

live at the named address

enter or attempt to enter the named address

go within a certain distance of the named address

stop me from returning to the named address

other

8. Summary

8.1 My closing summary is as follows

Note 8.1: This should summarise your reasons for applying and include any information not already covered that you would like the court to consider.

Statement of truth

I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

I **believe** that the facts stated in this statement and any continuation sheets are true.

Signature

Applicant

Date

Day

Month

Year

Full name

You can sign this statement form by hand or type your name in if completing electronically.

This statement form is to be served on the respondent.

You must not serve the statement yourself on the person you are seeking the order against. See the application form for more information and instructions about serving the documents.

Where to send your completed statement

Send your completed statement with the form **DA1 - Application for a domestic abuse protection order (DAPO)**. See guidance in the form DA1 for how to send your application and witness statement.

Exhibit coversheet

One coversheet for each exhibit.

Statement number

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Case number (to be completed by the court)

Name of court

Name of applicant

Name of respondent

Exhibit