NO CONTACT ORDERS

SEATTLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ATTORNEYS ON YOUR SIDE

A person facing a pending domestic violence charge, or a person convicted of a domestic violence offense, may be subject to the provisions of a No Contact Order. This is a judicial order that restricts a persons ability to have contact with another individual, even if that individual has no desire to see such an order entered. For criminal charges, these orders are typically limited to restraining the defendant from having contact with the alleged victim.

These orders are highly proibitive, disallowing any contact regardless of whether the contact was invited by the protected party. Typically, the order will prohibit the defendant from knowingly coming within or remaning within a certain distance of the protected party's residence, school or workplace. Third party contact is also prohibited, meaning the defendant cannot give messages to another person to pass on to the protected party. No contact means no contact of any kind regardless of the means: In person, e-mail, phone calls, letters, tweets, etc.

A violation of a No Contact Order can result in a person's bail being revoked if the order exists due to pending charge, and/or a new charge being filed:

1. **Violation of a No Contact Order [Gross Misdemeanor]:** This charge is a gross misdemeaor punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a $5,000 fine.
2. **Violation of a No Contact Order [Felony]:** A person commits an assault in violations of a no contact order, or who has two or more prior violations of a No Contact Order may be charged with a Class C felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

REVIEW YOUR OPTIONS WITH A SEATTLE CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY

If you are currently facing criminal allegations for domestic violence, have a no contact order, or have violated a no contact order, retaining experienced legal representation is in your best interest. At Lewis & Laws, PLLC, our legal team is equipped with **more than 45 years of combined experience**. Throughout the years that we have been protecting the rights of the criminally accused, we have worked with many clients facing issues relating to no contact orders. With this experience and insight, we are prepared to address your situation, determine your available options and defense, and work diligently toward resolving your unique legal concern. Learn more about your case and how our firm can be of assistance by contacting a Seattle criminal attorney today.