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Petition for Protective Services for a Vulnerable Adult

This packet should be filed when there is reason to believe a vulnerable adult is being exploited and needs immediate protective services. The Petitioner must have personally observed the circumstances or possessed sufficient information to support the allegations contained in the Petition.

A Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult is intended to provide emergency court intervention when a vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to the protective measures necessary for their safety.

Filing Fee

None

Filing Options

- Online: [Florida Courts E-Filing Portal] (<https://www.myflcourtagency.com/>)
- In Person or by mail: Orange County Clerk of Courts, Probate Division, 425 N Orange Avenue, Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801

Please ensure all sections are completed fully, accurately, and legibly so the Clerk's Office can properly process your request

For Your Information

Petitioner – The individual requesting that the Court review the circumstances and determine whether an injunction for protective services is necessary.

Respondent – The individual who is alleged to be exploiting the vulnerable adult.

Vulnerable Adult – An individual 18 years of age or older whose ability to perform normal activities of daily living or provide for his or her own care or protection is impaired because of a mental, emotional, sensory, long-term physical, or developmental disability, brain damage, or the infirmities of aging.

Protective Services – Services authorized by the Court that are intended to protect a vulnerable adult from exploitation when the individual lacks the capacity to consent, and immediate intervention is necessary.

Injunction – A Court Order that commands a party to do or refrain from doing a specific act. It is used as a special, or "equitable," remedy to prevent irreparable harm in situations where monetary compensation alone cannot make up for the damage.

<u>Contents of This Packet</u>
• <u>Petition for injunction for protection against exploitation of a vulnerable adult</u> – This is the form that the Judge will review to determine whether the individual is



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eligible for an Injunction to be put in place for the vulnerable adult. Petitions that are incomplete or contain incorrect information may result in a denial. The form may be notarized, or a clerk can administer an oath to the Petitioner at the time of filing. (valid photo ID required)

What to Expect After Filing

1. The Judge will review the Petition
2. The Judge will enter an Order granting or denying the requested relief.
3. You will receive notification through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal (or by mail if the Petitioner does not have an email address) when the Judge enters the Order. The notification will include a link allowing you to review the Court's Order.

Requirements After Filing

If the Petition Is Granted

- If the Court grants a final injunction, the Clerk will provide certified copies of the Order and transmit it for service and law enforcement notification as required by law. Additional actions, such as service on financial institutions or enforcement of financial protections, may occur if ordered by the Court. The injunction remains in effect as ordered unless modified or dissolved by the Court.

If the Petition Is Denied

- If the Petition is denied or dismissed, the case is concluded. If you have questions about your legal rights or future options, you may wish to consult an attorney.

The Petition for Injunction for protection against exploitation against a vulnerable adult process is intended to provide emergency court intervention when a vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to services necessary for their protection. Filing a petition does not guarantee that an Order for Injunction will be entered.



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