

IN THE _____ COURT OF THE _____
JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, STATE OF

Petitioner,

V.

Respondent.

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

**EMERGENCY MOTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY AND
MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY ARRANGEMENT**

Petitioner, _____, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court on

an emergency basis for an urgent order granting temporary custody of the minor child(ren) and modifying the existing custody arrangement. In support of this Motion, Petitioner states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action. The minor child(ren) currently reside in this county and state, and this Court is the proper venue for determining custody matters under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) and applicable state law.

2. There is an existing custody order governing the parties and the minor child(ren) entered by this Court on _____ under Case Number _____. Petitioner seeks an immediate modification of said order due to an emergency affecting the safety, welfare, and stability of the child(ren).

II. IDENTIFICATION OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

3. The custody, safety, and welfare of the following minor child(ren) are the subject of this emergency proceeding:

- Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Address: _____

III. GROUNDS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

1 4. Immediate and irreparable harm, injury, or loss will result to the minor child(ren) if this
2 Court does not grant immediate temporary custody to Petitioner and modify the current custody
3 arrangement.

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5 5. The specific facts, incidents, and immediate risks to the child(ren)'s safety, welfare, or
6 stability supporting this emergency request are as follows:

7 [describe in detail the emergency facts, safety risks, abuse, neglect, or unstable environment
8 requiring immediate court intervention]
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10 6. The following supporting evidence is available to substantiate these allegations:

11 [list any police reports, medical records, child protective services reports, photographs, text
12 messages, or other evidence]
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14 7. The following witness has direct knowledge of the facts and can provide testimony regarding
15 the safety and welfare of the child(ren):

16 - Witness Name: _____

17 - Relationship to Child/Parties: _____

18 - Information Witness Can Provide: _____
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21 **IV. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**
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23 8. Petitioner has taken the following steps to provide notice of this emergency application to
24 Respondent, _____, or Respondent's legal representative:

25 [describe how and when notice was given, or if no notice was given, explain the immediate
26 danger that would result from giving advance notice]
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1 **V. REQUESTED CUSTODY TERMS**

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3 9. To ensure the immediate safety, physical health, and emotional well-being of the minor

4 child(ren), Petitioner requests that the Court enter an emergency order containing the following

5 terms:

6 - **Legal Custody:** Granting _____ legal custody of the minor

7 child(ren) to Petitioner.

8 - **Physical Custody:** Granting _____ physical custody of the minor

9 child(ren) to Petitioner.

10 - **Parenting Time / Visitation:** Ordering that Respondent's parenting time with the minor

11 child(ren) be [suspended, supervised by an approved third party, or restricted as specified here:

12 describe requested visitation restrictions].

13 - **Safety Measures:** Ordering that _____.

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16 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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18 WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

- 19 a. Schedule an immediate emergency hearing on this matter;
- 20 b. Enter an Emergency Order granting Petitioner temporary custody of the minor child(ren) as
- 21 requested herein;
- 22 c. Modify the existing custody order on a temporary basis pending a full hearing on the merits;
- 23 d. Order that Respondent's parenting time be restricted or supervised as necessary to protect the
- 24 child(ren); and
- 25 e. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just, proper, and necessary to protect
- 26 the safety and welfare of the minor child(ren).
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Respectfully submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Role: Petitioner, Pro Se

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____