

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-27-502

## **§48-27-502. Mandatory provisions in protective order.**

(a) A protective order must order the respondent to refrain from abusing, harassing, stalking, threatening or otherwise intimidating the petitioner or the minor children, or engaging in other conduct that would place the petitioner or the minor children in reasonable fear of bodily injury.

(b) The protective order must prohibit the respondent from possessing any firearm or ammunition.

(c) The protective order must inform the respondent that he or she is prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition and that possession of a firearm or ammunition while subject to the court's protective order is a criminal offense under state and federal law, notwithstanding the fact that the respondent might otherwise have a right to possess a firearm.

(d) The protective order must inform the respondent that the order is in full force in every county of this state.

(e) The protective order must contain on its face the following statement, printed in bold-faced type or in capital letters:

"VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONFINEMENT IN A REGIONAL JAIL FOR AS LONG AS ONE YEAR AND BY A FINE OF AS MUCH AS \$2,000".