

**COMPLAINT FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING
CONSENT TO AN ABORTION WITHOUT NOTIFICATION OF A
PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN (R.C. 2151.85)**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A COMPLAINT

If you are pregnant; unmarried, under 18 years old, and unemancipated; and want to have an abortion without telling your parent, guardian, or custodian, you may ask a juvenile court for permission. The court will then decide whether your parent, guardian, or custodian must be told before you may have an abortion. The attached form, called a complaint, should be used to ask a court to let you have an abortion without telling your parent, guardian, or custodian.

If you are under 18 and not married, you are “unemancipated” if any of the following apply:

- 1) You have not entered the armed services of the United States;
- 2) You do not have a job and support yourself;
- 3) You are under the care and control of your parent, guardian, or custodian.

By law, you do not have to pay a filing fee or any court costs. If you do not have a lawyer, the court will appoint one for you free of charge.

The court is not allowed to tell your parent, guardian, or custodian that you are pregnant or that you want to have an abortion. The court must keep the complaint and all other papers in your case confidential.

The complaint must be filed in a juvenile court in the county where you reside or have a legal settlement or in any county that borders the county where you reside or have a legal settlement.

HOW TO FILL OUT THE FORM

Completing Statement #5: Check one or more of the statements. If you check the first statement, the court will first consider if you are mature enough and well enough informed to intelligently decide whether to have an abortion without telling your parent, guardian, or custodian. If the court does not find that you are sufficiently mature and well enough informed to make the decision, and you have checked either or both of the remaining statements, the court

will then consider either of the following:

- 1) Whether there is a pattern of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of you by your parent, guardian, or custodian;
- 2) Whether telling your parent, guardian, or custodian is not in your best interest.

Completing Statement #6: Check the statement that applies to you. If you have a lawyer, fill in the name, address, and telephone number of your lawyer.

Completing the Top of Page 2: The law requires that the statements in the complaint be made under oath. This part of the form must be completed in the presence of a person who is allowed to administer oaths, such as a notary public. After you sign your name on the signature line, that person should notarize the form.

Completing the Bottom of Page 2: Fill out the bottom of Page 2 only if you do not have a lawyer. Provide any address and telephone number where you may be contacted about this matter. When the court appoints a lawyer for you, the lawyer will reach you at the address or telephone number you provide. You do not have to complete the bottom of Page 2 until after the notary public signs the top of Page 2.

**In the Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Ohio
Juvenile Division**

In the matter of:

Case Number: _____

Jane Doe # _____

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*(Promulgated by the Supreme Court of Ohio
Pursuant to R.C. 2151.85(G))*

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT:

1. I am pregnant.
2. I am unmarried, under 18 years of age, and unemancipated.
3. I wish to have an abortion without notification of my parent, guardian or custodian.
4. This Complaint is being filed in the juvenile court of the county where I reside or have a legal settlement, or in a county bordering the county where I reside or have a legal settlement.

[CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.]

5. I am sufficiently mature and well enough informed to intelligently decide whether to have an abortion without the notification of my parent, guardian or custodian.
- One or both of my parents, my guardian or my custodian has engaged in a pattern of physical, sexual or emotional abuse against me.
- Notification of my parent, guardian or custodian of my desire to have an abortion is not in my best interest.

[CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.]

6. I do not have a lawyer.
- I have a lawyer. The name, address and telephone number of my lawyer are:

Lawyer's Name: _____

Lawyer's Address: _____

Lawyer's Phone No: _____

THEREFORE, I request that this Court issue an Order authorizing me to consent to an abortion without the notification of my parent, guardian or custodian.

THIS PAGE OF THE ORIGINAL MUST BE REMOVED AND PLACED UNDER SEAL IN A SAFE OR OTHER SECURE PLACE AS REQUIRED BY RULE 23(A)(2) OF THE RULES OF SUPERINTENDENCE FOR THE COURTS OF OHIO

I swear or affirm that the information in the attached Complaint is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Notary Public

PLEASE NOTE: If you do **NOT** have a lawyer, please provide in the spaces below any address and phone number where the Court may contact you until a lawyer is appointed to represent you. You do **NOT** need to use your home address and phone number.

Address: _____

Phone #: _____