

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL (California Rules of Court, rule 1285.85)

Use these instructions to complete the *Proof of Service by Mail* (form 1285.85).

A person 18 years of age or older must serve the documents. There are two ways to serve documents: (1) personal delivery and (2) by mail. See the *Proof of Personal Service* (form 1285.84) if the documents are being personally served. The person who serves the documents must complete a proof of service form for the documents being served. **You cannot serve documents if you are a party to the action.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERSON WHO SERVES THE DOCUMENTS (TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK)

You must complete a proof of service for each package of documents you serve. For example, if you serve the Respondent and the Other Parent, you must complete two proofs of service, one for the Respondent and one for the Other Parent.

Complete the top section of the proof of service forms as follows:

First box, left side: In this box print the name, address, and phone number of the person for whom you are serving the documents.

Second box, left side: Print the name of the county in which the legal action is filed and the court's address in this box. Use the same address for the court that is on the documents you are serving.

Third box, left side: Print the names of the Petitioner/Plaintiff, Respondent/Defendant, and Other Parent in this box. Use the same names listed on the documents you are serving.

First box, top of form, right side: Leave this box blank for the court's use.

Second box, right side: Print the case number in this box. This number is also stated on the documents you are serving.

You cannot serve a temporary restraining order by mail. You must serve those documents by personal service.

1. You are stating that you are over the age of 18 and that you are neither a party to this action nor a protected person listed in any of the orders. You are also stating that you either live in or are employed in the county where the mailing took place.
2. Print your home or business address.
3. List the name of each document that you mailed (the exact names are listed on the bottoms of the forms).
 - a. Check this box if you put the documents in the regular U.S. mail.
 - b. Check this box if you put the documents in the mail at your place of employment.
4.
 - a. Print the name you put on the envelope containing the documents.
 - b. Print the address you put on the envelope containing the documents.
 - c. Write in the date that you put the envelope containing the documents in the mail.
 - d. Write in the city and state you were in when you mailed the envelope containing the documents.
5. You are stating under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct.

Print your name, fill in the date, and sign the form.

If you need additional assistance with this form, contact the Family Law Facilitator in your county.