

664A.7 Violation of no-contact order or protective order — contempt or simple misdemeanor penalties.

1. Violation of a no-contact order issued under [this chapter](#) or a protective order issued pursuant to [chapter 232](#), [235F](#), [236](#), [236A](#), or [598](#), including a modified no-contact order, is punishable by summary contempt proceedings.

2. A hearing in a contempt proceeding brought pursuant to [this section](#) shall be held not less than five and not more than fifteen days after the issuance of a rule to show cause, as determined by the court.

3. If convicted of or held in contempt for a violation of a no-contact order or a modified no-contact order for a public offense referred to in [section 664A.2, subsection 1](#), or held in contempt of a no-contact order issued during a contempt proceeding brought pursuant to [section 236.11](#) or [236A.12](#), the person shall be confined in the county jail for a minimum of seven days. A jail sentence imposed pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be served on consecutive days. No portion of the mandatory minimum term of confinement imposed by [this subsection](#) shall be deferred or suspended. A deferred judgment, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence shall not be entered for a violation of a no-contact order, modified no-contact order, or protective order and the court shall not impose a fine in lieu of the minimum sentence, although a fine may be imposed in addition to the minimum sentence.

4. If convicted or held in contempt for a violation of a civil protective order referred to in [section 664A.2](#), the person shall serve a jail sentence. A jail sentence imposed pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be served on consecutive days. A person who is convicted of or held in contempt for a violation of a protective order referred to in [section 664A.2](#) may be ordered by the court to pay the plaintiff's attorney's fees and court costs.

5. Violation of a no-contact order entered for the offense or alleged offense of domestic abuse assault in violation of [section 708.2A](#), the offense or alleged offense of older individual assault in violation of [section 708.2D](#), or a violation of a protective order issued pursuant to [chapter 232](#), [235F](#), [236](#), [236A](#), [598](#), or [915](#) constitutes a public offense and is punishable as a simple misdemeanor. Alternatively, the court may hold a person in contempt of court for such a violation, as provided in [subsection 3](#).

6. A person shall not be held in contempt or convicted of violations under multiple no-contact orders, protective orders, or consent agreements, for the same set of facts and circumstances that constitute a single violation.

[2006 Acts, ch 1101, §11](#); [2007 Acts, ch 180, §9, 10](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1107, §26](#); [2017 Acts, ch 121, §32](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1132, §14](#)

Referred to in [§598.41](#), [598C.305](#), [664A.2](#), [907.3](#)

Subsection 5 amended