

NOTICE REGARDING: [Case Number]

[Name of Judgment Creditor]
Judgment Creditor
Address
City, State, Zip Code
email (optional)
v.
[Name of Judgment Debtor]
Judgment Debtor

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Name of Court
Address
City, State, Zip Code

Name of County, Texas

NOTICE TO [name of judgment debtor], JUDGMENT DEBTOR, OF YOUR RIGHTS TO GET YOUR PROPERTY BACK THAT WAS TAKEN BY A WRIT OF EXECUTION

You are receiving this notice because some of your personal property was seized to be sold to pay a debt judgment against you. **YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET YOUR PROPERTY BACK, SO READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

State law protects certain property from being taken to pay off a judgment. **If the property seized by the writ of execution is listed below, it may be protected and you may be able to get it back:**

1. One motor vehicle (two, three or four-wheeled) for each member of a family household or a single adult who holds a driver's license (or does not hold a license but relies on another person to drive the vehicle for the unlicensed person),
2. Home furnishings, including family heirlooms,
3. Food and other items to be consumed by you and your family,
4. Farming/ranching vehicles and implements,
5. Tools, equipment, books, apparatus, boats and motor vehicles used in a trade or profession,
6. Clothes,
7. Jewelry worth up to \$25,000 for a family and \$12,500 for a single person,
8. Two firearms,
9. Athletic and sporting equipment, including bicycles,
10. Two horses, mules or donkeys, together with a saddle, blanket and bridle for each (as well as food on hand for such animals),
11. Twelve (12) head of cattle (as well as food on hand for such cattle),
12. Sixty (60) head of other livestock (as well as food on hand for such livestock),
13. One-hundred and twenty (120) fowl, including chickens and turkeys (as well as food on hand for such birds),
14. Household pets and any food on hand to feed them,
15. Any bible or other book of sacred writings.

Any combination of the items on the list above is protected if the items are worth a total of \$50,000 for a single person or \$100,000 for a family.

TO GET THE PROTECTED PROPERTY BACK, YOU MUST:

- Fill out the exemption claim form that is included with this notice, and
- File the form immediately with the court at the address listed on the first page of this notice, and
- Mail the form (or email it, if the email address is listed) to the judgment creditor listed in the heading of this notice immediately after you file it with the court.

If you would like to talk with a lawyer, visit <https://www.txcourts.gov/programs-services/legal-aid> for information on free and low-cost services, or call the legal aid office that serves your area: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid at (800) 369-0574, Lone Star Legal Aid at (800) 733-8394, and Legal Aid of Northwest Texas at (800) 955-3959.

REMEMBER: FILE YOUR COMPLETED EXEMPTION CLAIM FORM IMMEDIATELY.

Execution Exemption Claim Form Instructions

The Turnover Exemption Claim Form is a form that you can fill out and deliver to the court to get back the protected money that has been taken from you. It is best to take the form to the court to make sure it is filed quickly and doesn't get lost in the mail. If you mail it to the court, it is best to send it certified mail with return receipt requested. **You are called the "Judgment Debtor" on the form.**

To fill out the Execution Exemption Claim Form:

1. If the top of the form is not already filled out, copy the information from the top of the notice you received that told you of your rights to get back any protected money that was taken from you.
2. Check all the boxes of protected income that apply to you. If you check the "other" box, write your explanation down in the space provided.
3. Write your address (address, city, state, and zip code), your phone number, and your email address in the space provided.
4. Sign the form in the space marked "Your Signature," and print your name and the date in the spaces provided. **Keep a copy of the form.**
5. Fill out the **Certificate of Service** at the end of the form.
6. **Take the original form to the clerk of the court** at address listed at the top of the notice that you received with this form.
7. Mail copies of the form by first class mail (or email, if an email address is provided on the notice) to the judgment creditor. Their addresses are at the top of the notice that you received with this form.
8. You can call the clerk of the court for more information at [insert phone number of court clerk].

The court will hold a hearing within 10 days from the date it receives your claim form to decide if your property is protected. The court will mail you the time and date of the hearing at the address that you provide on your claim form. Make sure to attend the hearing. If you do not attend, the court is likely to rule against you. You can attend with or without an attorney.

At the hearing, tell the court why your property is protected. Bring any supporting documents or other items to the hearing, such as:

- Certificates of title for any vehicle that has been seized,
- Any other information or document(s) that shows that your money is protected.

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**EXECUTION EXEMPTION CLAIM FORM
FOR JUDGMENT DEBTOR**

I CLAIM PROTECTION from seizure. Some of my property taken writ of execution is protected and should be returned to me, because it is: (check all that apply)

Motor vehicle for each person with a driver's license or person without one who relies on another to drive the vehicle
Home furnishings, including furniture and family heirlooms
Food and other consumable goods
Tools, equipment, books, apparatus, boats and motor vehicles used in a trade or profession
Household pets

Fowl, including chickens and turkeys (up to 120)
Clothes
Jewelry worth up to \$25,000 for a family and \$12,500 for a single person
Firearms (up to 2)
Sporting goods, including bicycles
Horses, mules and donkeys (up to 2)
Cattle (up to 12 head)
Other livestock (up to 60)
Other (explain below)

Explain, if needed: *(attach extra sheets if needed)*

Send the notice of the hearing on my claim to me at:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The statements I made in this claim form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Your Signature

Print Your Name

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this day, I have: (check all that apply)

- mailed
- emailed

the judgment creditor a copy of this form.

Your Signature

Today's Date