



## OKLAHOMA

Each state has different requirements for getting a civil domestic violence protective order. Because it makes restraining orders very accessible to teens, Oklahoma's grade for protecting teen victims of domestic and dating violence is an A.

### Do I Qualify for a Protective Order in Oklahoma?

#### Type of Relationship

In order to qualify for a protective order, the abuser must be someone:

- You are dating or used to date<sup>1</sup>
- You live or used to live with<sup>2</sup>
- You have a child with<sup>3</sup>
- You are married to or used to be married to<sup>4</sup>
- Who is your parent or child<sup>5</sup>
- You are related to by blood or marriage, includes step-parents, in-laws, and adoption or foster relationships<sup>6</sup>
- Who stalked or raped you, whether or not you have a relationship with or even know them<sup>7</sup>

#### Type of Abuse<sup>8</sup>

A judge is allowed to give you a protective order when your abuser has:

- Physically abused you
- Threatened to physically abuse you
- Sexually abused you
- Emotionally distressed you
- Harassed you
- Stalked you
- Sexually harassed you
- Harassed you through obscene telephone calls

#### Age

If you are 16 or older, you can get a protective order yourself, without an adult's permission.<sup>9</sup> If you are under 16, you will need an adult family or household member to file for you.<sup>10</sup> You can get a protective order against anyone who is 13 or older.<sup>11</sup>

### How Do I Get a Protective Order?

If you want to get a protective order, you can go to court to file for a temporary protective order.<sup>12</sup> The judge can give you a temporary order that day and will schedule a full hearing within 20 days.<sup>13</sup> After the hearing, a judge can grant you a permanent protective order which lasts 3 years and is renewable.<sup>14</sup>

### What Can I Ask for in a Protective Order?

You may ask the court for the following in a protective order:

- Anything necessary to stop the domestic abuse against the victim<sup>15</sup>
- Stop visitation or order supervised visitation<sup>16</sup>
- Counseling for both parties<sup>17</sup>
- Abuser must not use and must surrender any guns used to commit the domestic violence<sup>18</sup>
- Attorneys fees<sup>19</sup>

### How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, §60.1(5) (2007).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* §60.1(4)(G).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* §60.1(4)(H).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* §60.1(4)(A), (B).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* §60.1(4)(D), (E).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* §60.1(4).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* §§60.1(1)-(3); tit. 22, §60.2(A).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* §60.2(A).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* §60.2(A).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* §60.1(1)-(2).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* §60.3(A).

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* §60.4(B)(1)-(2).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* §60.4(G)(1).

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* §60.4(C)(1).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* §60.4(I)(1).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* §60.4(E)(1)-(2).

<sup>18</sup> *Id.* §§60.8; tit. 21, §1290.11(A)(8).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.* §60.2(C).

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