



OREGON

Each state has different requirements for getting a civil domestic violence protection order. Because it makes protective orders extremely difficult for teens to obtain, Oregon's grade for protecting teen victims of domestic and dating violence is a D.

Do I Qualify for a Restraining Order in Oregon?

Type of Relationship

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

- You are sexually intimate with (or have been sexually intimate with in the last two years)¹
- You are living with or used to live with²
- You have a child with³
- You are married to or used to be married to⁴
- You are related to by blood, marriage, or adoption (as long as both of you are adults)⁵

Type of Abuse⁶

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

- Physically abused you
- Sexually abused you
- Attempted to physically abuse you
- Threatened to physically abuse you
- Recklessly endangered you
- Placed you in fear of imminent bodily injury

Age

If you are 18 or older, you can get a restraining order on your own without an adult's permission. If you are under 18, you can file on your own if the abuser is your spouse, former spouse or you are sexually intimate with your abuser and your abuser is 18 or over.⁷ If you are under 18 and want a restraining order against anyone else, the law does not say who can file for you. It will be up to the individual courts and judges whether you can get a restraining order without your parent's permission. Check with a local domestic violence organization to see how your local courts handle minors who want restraining orders.

How Do I Get a Restraining Order?

If you want a restraining order, you can go to court to file for a temporary restraining order. A judge can give you a temporary order that day and will schedule a date for a full hearing. After the hearing, the judge can grant you a permanent order which lasts for 1 year and is renewable.⁸

What Can I Ask for in a Restraining Order?

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

- The abuser cannot enter or try to enter a place or surrounding areas where you are⁹
- Abuser cannot intimidate, molest, interfere or contact you in person, by phone or by mail¹⁰
- Temporary child custody and visitation¹¹
- Attorneys fees¹²
- Abuser is required to attend perpetrator intervention program¹³
- Any other relief necessary for safety and welfare of you and your children¹⁴

How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.¹⁵

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free from violence and free from fear.

¹ Or. Rev. Stat. §107.705(3)(e) (2005).

² *Id.* §107.705(3)(d).

³ *Id.* §107.705(3)(f).

⁴ *Id.* §107.705(3)(a), (b).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* §107.705

⁷ *Id.* §107-726.

⁸ *Id.* §§107.718(3), 107.725.

⁹ *Id.* §107.718(1)(g).

¹⁰ *Id.* §107.718(1)(e).

¹¹ *Id.* §107.718(1)(a), (4).

¹² *Id.* §107.716(2), §107.837.

¹³ *Id.* §107.718(6)(c).

¹⁴ *Id.* §107.718(1)(h).

¹⁵ *Id.* §107.718(8)(c).

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